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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blair Suzuki	Testifying for State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I would like to extend my **STRONGEST SUPPORT** for confirmation of Roxanne Bruhn to the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Roxanne has a distinguished history of service, both as a veteran, and as a veteran's advocate with her work in the Office of Veterans Services and other veteran service organizations. I have had the opportunity to work alongside Roxanne for the past couple of months on the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services and can personally attest that she is a tenacious advocate for our veteran population. She is passionate, critical thinking, emphathetic, and asks tough questions. Additionally, she brings a unique perspective as a female veteran, which we are currently under represented in currently.

I know Roxanne will be a true asset to the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services and I look forward to working with her and the good work she will do in the years to come.

Mahalo,

Blair Suzuki

Vice-Chair

State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services



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TESTIMONY

GM 546 Submitting for consideration and confirmation
To the Advisory Board on Veterans Services,
Gubernatorial Nominee,
ROXANNE BRUHN for a term to expire
6-30-2023

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN
DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

March 30, 2021

Good afternoon, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair English, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide comments **in support** of Roxanne Bruhn to the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a term to expire 6-30-2023.

SMSgt Roxanne Bruhn, (USAF, Ret) has over 30 years of distinguished service in uniform and became an invaluable member of the State Office of Veterans Services before moving to the US Navy Submarine Fleet and the Transportation Security Agency. One important career highlight occurred in 2012 when she was selected by her Senior Hawaii Air National Guard leadership to be a part of the first State of Hawaii Women's Military Veterans Task Force. Elected by her task force members, she was recommended and appointed as the Vice-Chair of this committee. In just a few short months, this task force developed a viable charter, established a web page for Women Veterans, and has participated in several keynote events like the Women of Power Symposium and Hawaii Hires Heroes Events in addition to two Women's Military and Veterans State Summits

I wholeheartedly recommend her for this upcoming State Advisory Board on Veterans Services billet for Oahu. Her proven track record reflects her willingness and desire to do and to give much more to support and to assist our Veteran community!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carlos A. Santana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this nomination. I have known Roxanne for several years. She is an ardent supporter of veterans. Roxanne (Rocky) is a 31-year veteran. She retired from the Hawaii Air National Guard as a Master Sergeant. Her daughter is also serving. Rocky was a big part of the 2019 Veterans Summit as well as many other veterans events throughout the years. I know Rocky will be a great asset to the Governor's Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

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Testimony for PSM on 3/30/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BG Neal S. Mitsuyoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair English, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brigadier General Neal S. Mitsuyoshi and I humbly ask for your SUPPORT of GM 546, to confirm Gubernatorial Nominee, ROXANNE BRUHN to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. I have known and worked with Ms. Bruhn personally through my involvement with the Office of Veterans Services and the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, and as a member of the Hawaii National Guard. She is extremely selfless and committed, and she understands what it takes and means to honorably serve in the military and to be a veteran.

Ms. Bruhn will always represent the interests of our veterans in an ethical and professional manner, and will always be mindful of those she represents.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Ms. Bruhn.

Neal S. Mitsuyoshi, P.E.

Brigadier General, HING

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March 25, 2021

TESTIMONY ON GM 546 consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

PRESENTATION TO: THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

By Chief Master Sergeant Carswell J. Ross, Jr. M.A. USAF (Ret.)

Aloha Chair Senator Clarence K. Nishihara and Vice Chair Senator J. Kalani English, and members of the Committee on Public Safety, intergovernmental and Military Affairs. I strongly support the nomination and confirmation of Master Sergeant Roxanne Bruhn to serve on the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. I served in the Hawaii Air National Guard with MSgt Bruhn and worked with her in the Office of Veterans Services. I know the to be not only a great worker who strives toward accomplishing task given to her but also as a wonderful person to work with. She is dedicated to helping our service members, that is, all service members, including retirees, family members, active duty, reservist, or guard member. Her experience as a women military member with 30 years of service and the mother of a female Guard member, will be a welcomed addition to the board's understanding and incite.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.



From the desk of Major General (Ret) Jimmie Jaye Wells

TESTIMONY ON GM 546 RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS'
SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROXANNE BRUHN, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL JIMMIE JAYE WELLS
UNITED STATES ARMY (RETIRED)
Senior Executive Service II, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, TSA –
Pacific

March 30, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair English, and members of the Committee:

I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of Roxanne Bruhn's consideration and confirmation. I work with her as my deputy on a daily basis in Honolulu, where I also reside.

Mrs. Bruhn would be an outstanding representative for our veterans. Her bona fides include the following. She is female, combat veteran. Her military experience includes front line efforts such as mechanic, information manager, and administrator specialties. As an exceptional leader she knows well the needs and issues of veteran's and our families. I highlight as well her unique capability to support female veterans. She was one of the pioneer female veterans who established the Women's Veterans' Committee. She has three decades of

experience doing just that with thirty-one years of military service, She retired honorably and highly decorated as a Senior Master Sergeant in the Hawaii Air National Guard. She remains a passionate advocate of veterans and their benefits/entitlements. She continues to attend virtual seminars and workshops to help veterans understand the separation and retirement process. She has a proven track record with leaders at echelon to provide assistance to veterans in need. Finally her proven discipline in listening, learning, and advocating for veterans has made her a considerable voice for veterans causes and those who sought her assistance. In fact, since her nomination, she has remarkably helped seven veterans navigate the labyrinth VA system. Each has now been able to process claims for their service connected injuries with her skilled and attentive support. Again, my thanks for your service and allowing me to provide testimony on behalf of my friend Roxanne Bruhn.

Jimmie Jaye Wells

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PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

ALBERT W. BRUHN

March 30, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair English, and members of the Committee:

I am Albert Bruhn, a 59-year resident of Hawaii, husband to the nominee, and friend of the veteran community. I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of Roxanne Bruhn's consideration and confirmation.

I have seen my wife, Roxanne work tirelessly in support of her brothers and sisters in arms. She has taken phone calls and met with many National Guardsmen to help them with retirement, separation actions, and general questions about the VA. I know first-hand her willingness to go the extra mile when it comes to veterans.

I firmly believe that the State of Hawaii will benefit from Roxanne's experience and passion for veterans as a member of the Governor's Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Roxanne Bruhn.

Sincerely,

Albert W. Bruhn
Albert W. Bruhn

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Testimony for PSM on 3/30/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I definitely support Roxanne (Rocky) Bruhn's appointment to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. She is an ardent supporter of veterans and is a 31-year veteran. I know Roxanne Bruhn will be a great asset to the Advisory Board.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

Former Chair, Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

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Testimony for PSM on 3/30/2021 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James H. Traxler	Testifying for State Veterans Advisory Board	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT THE APPOINTMENT OF ROXANNE BRUHN TO THE STATE ADVISORY BOARD FOR VETERANS SERVICES. I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH HER OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. SHE IS PROFESSIONAL AND AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR THIS BOARD.