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TESTIMONY

GM 803 Submitting for consideration and confirmation
To the Advisory Board on Veterans Services,
Gubernatorial Nominee,
BRIDGET KOMINE, for a term to expire
6-30-2025

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

APRIL 8, 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 Bridget Komine to the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a term to expire 6-30-2025.

CMSgt Bridget Komine, (USAF, Ret) has served with distinction with over thirty-two years in uniform and is currently the Assistant Director for the US Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Services for Hawaii and Guam. She also currently serves with the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services and has recently been unanimously elected as the board's Chairperson. Bridget is always looking for opportunities to promote and to help support Veteran issues. She continues to be a catalyst of change to ensure future Veteran programs, especially for Women Veterans, are provided the attention and focus that is required to keep pace with this fastest growing demographic in our US Armed Forces.

I wholeheartedly recommend her for her continued service with the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services (Oahu billet). 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 on: 4/5/2021 2:41:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/8/2021 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I fully support this nomination. Bridget was an integral part of the planning team for the 2019 State Veterans Summit. Her dedication and professionalism are unmatched. She will continue to be a great asset to the Advisory Board.

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 5:20:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/8/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BG Neal 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 fully SUPPORT GM 803 to confirm Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIDGET KOMINE, to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. I have known and worked with Lt Col Komine personally as a current member and officer of the Hawaii Air National Guard and through her involvement with the Hawaii National Guard Association. 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. Lt Col Komine will always represent the interests of our veterans in an ethical and professional manner, and will be mindful of those she represents.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of GM 803 and Lt Col Komine.

Neal S. Mitsuyoshi, P.E. Brigadier General, HING

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 6:15:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/8/2021 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I definitely support the appointment of Bridget Komine to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. She is a retired Air Force Chief Master Sargeant and she supports veterans. Please confirm. Thank you.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Lt Col, USAF(Ret), former Chair, Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

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April 6, 2021

TESTIMONY ON GM 803 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 Chief Master Sergeant Bridget Komine to serve on the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. I served in the Hawaii Air National Guard with CMSgt Komine and worked with her on both the Women's Veterans Task Force and as a member of the Veteran' Summit Committee within the Office of Veterans Services. I know her 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 numerous years of service and the mother of a male Guard member, will be a welcomed addition to the board's understanding and incite.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.