Honolulu, Hawaii

## APR 2 8 2022

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 817

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 817, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

G.M. No. 817 JENNIFER STOTTER, for a term to expire 06-30-2026,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Jennifer Stotter for service on the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Jennifer Stotter from fifteen individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Stotter's extensive administrative experience, expertise in equity-based policy, and commitment to advocating for marginalized members of the community qualify her for appointment to the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women. Your Committee notes that Dr. Stotter has served as Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Americans with Disabilities Act, and Title IX Coordinator at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo since 2014. In this capacity, she ensures that the University of Hawaii at Hilo is in compliance with federal and state equality, affirmative action, and antidiscrimination laws. She also leads campus response to sexual

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misconduct and gender-based discrimination. Your Committee further finds that Dr. Stotter has worked and volunteered for twenty-five years in the areas of economic justice, equal employment opportunity, and gender-based violence, including domestic violence and sexual assault. Your Committee additionally finds that Dr. Stotter's familiarity with policy issues relating to gender-based equity and her history of championing equality and anti-discrimination in academia will be great assets to the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women. Your Committee therefore recommends that Jennifer Stotter be appointed to the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women based on her experience, policy knowledge, and dedication to advocacy on behalf of women's rights of equality and equity.

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

## The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:*	Committee I	Referral:	Date:		
GM817	JDC		41	25/22	
The Committee is reconsidering its decision					
The Recommendation is:					
Advise and Consent					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)		/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)					
ACASIO, Laura					
GABBARD, Mike					
KIM, Donna Mercado		/			
LEE, Chris					
FEVELLA, Kurt			<u> </u>		
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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