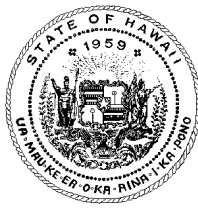


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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 647
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION
COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOSEPHINE BYRNE, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026.

By
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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 12, 2022; 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 229 and Via Videoconference

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

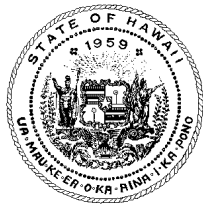
I write in support of Ms. Josephine "Jo" Kamae Byrne's nomination and confirmation to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

Ms. Byrne has served on several governmental and non-profit boards and commissions in the past, including but not limited to, Common Cause Hawaii, the Department of Public Safety's Community Advisory Group for Gender Appropriate Programming, and the Advisory Commission on Housing & Community, City and County of Honolulu. She has also served in managerial positions, including Research and Administrator of the Honolulu Information Service, Inc., Administrative Manager for the Mountain Apple Company, and Administrative Manager and Director of the Hawaiian Duplicator Corporation.

As a longtime advocate and community activist, Ms. Byrne's knowledge and experience would make her a welcome addition to the commission. I respectfully urge the Committee to recommend the Senate advise and consent to this highly qualified and committed nominee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Byrne's nomination to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 647
Consideration and Confirmation of Josephine Byrne
To the Crime Victim Compensation Commission
by
Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Executive Director
Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
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Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs,

Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission ("Commission") with the opportunity to testify before you today. The Commission strongly supports the appointment of Josephine Byrne to serve as a Commissioner for a term to expire on June 30, 2026. Ms. Byrne's strong business background and years of service to various community organizations will be invaluable to the Commission's efforts to provide compassionate, equitable, and efficient services to Hawai'i's violent crime victims. The Commission looks forward to having Ms. Byrne's guidance as a Commissioner.

The Commission is a quasi-judicial body that assists victims of violent crime by providing compensation for crime-related expenses. The Commission also administers a Restitution Recovery Project, under the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, to collect restitution from inmates and parolees and to disburse the collected funds to crime victims. Commissioners hear appeals de novo from administrative decisions ordering or denying compensation and set policy for the determination of claims submitted to the Commission. Special areas of concern in the past have been the treatment of sexual assault and domestic violence victims and enhancing the delivery of compensation services to underserved victim populations. An ongoing concern for the Commissioners is the sustainable fiscal self-sufficiency of the Commission.

Ms. Byrne has served our community in various capacities for many years, including in leadership roles or as board members of various government, political, and community

organizations such as Common Cause Hawai‘i, the Department of Public Safety Community Advisory Group for Gender Appropriate Programming, both the National and Hawai‘i Women’s Policy Caucus’, Lanakila Pacific, Volunteer Legal Services Hawai‘i, Goodwill Industries of Honolulu, Inc., and the Better Business Bureau of Hawai‘i. Additionally, Ms. Byrne has thirty (30) years of business experience as the President and Owner of Honolulu Information Service, Inc., dba HonInfo.

The Commission strongly urges you to confirm Ms. Byrne’s appointment for a term as a Commissioner to the Commission.

HAWAII STATE SENATE

COMMITTEE ON Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair

April 12, 2022, 1:00 pm

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 647: JO KAMAE BYRNE

Chair Nishihara and members of the committee. Please accept this testimony of support for Jo Kamae Byrne's nomination to the Crime Victims Compensation Commission.

I first worked with Ms. Byrne at the Department of Public Safety's Community Advisory Group for Gender Responsive Programming. As the Deputy Director for Corrections, I was the chair of this group. Ms. Byrne was an active community member participating first on the planning committee for a state-wide 3-day conference, and then on the committee that examined the gender appropriateness of specific department policies.

I again worked with Ms. Byrne when she was on the Lanakila Pacific board of directors. I was its President and CEO at that time. Lanakila Pacific is a non-profit organization providing programs and services for individuals with disabilities.

Ms. Byrne's broad background in business, government and community service provides her with great insight into many issues and topics. I have always found her contributions to be thoughtful and well researched. Her intellect combined with her compassion will make her a great member of the Crime Victims Compensation Commission. I strongly support her nomination.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support.

Marian Tsuji

April 12, 2022

To: The Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

From: Ted Sakai

Re: Governor's Message 647: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Josephine Byrne to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

I fully support the nomination of Josephine Kamae Byrne to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC).

I served as the Director of the Department of Public Safety from December 1998 until December 2002, and again from June 2012 until December 2014. In this position, I worked directly with the CVCC. I fully understand the importance of this Commission, and the difficulty of the work we ask of those who serve voluntarily as Commissioners. Their decisions have tremendous impact on the lives of individuals who are victims. The Commissioners must bring to their work the right balance of compassion and firmness.

I've known Jo Kamae Byrne for about thirty years. She is smart, resourceful, resilient and deeply committed to our community. As a successful small businesswoman, she has been able to keep her small enterprise going through difficult times, always finding balance between her employees and her bottom line. As a community member, she stands ready to make a contribution. I recall that when I was first appointed as Director of Public Safety in 1998, Jo was one of the very first persons I called for help, regarding issues relating to incarcerated women. Throughout my first term, she served as an informal advisor for the Department, in our early attempts to change our operating philosophy as regards incarcerated women. She has continued to make contributions since.

Jo Kamae Byrne is compassionate, community-oriented, and clear thinking. She will be an excellent addition to the CVCC. I urge you to approve her nomination.

TESTIMONY

STATE OF HAWAII - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Hearing date: April 12, 2022

**Re: Hearing PSM 04-12-11 (Confirmation # 647) - Josephine Kamae Byrne
Governor's Appointment to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission**

Dear Chairman Mc Craig and Members of the Senate Public Safety Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in full support of the Governor's appointment of Jo Kamae Byrne to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC).

My name is Rebecca Rude Ozaki, retired Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, Department of Education, Center on Disability Studies. I am a life-long educator in the area of disability studies, advocate of inclusion and community-based education. I have been the recipient of multiple State and Federal Research Grants totaling more than \$30 million.

Through my volunteer activities, I was fortunate to become well acquainted with Jo Kamae Byrne. I highly respect her role as the female owner and President of Honolulu Information Services, Inc.; a business that provides essential public record and document research and retrieval and filings for organizations both statewide and nationally.

Jo has been a strong advocate for transparency and equity of governmental issues and issues affecting women and children. Ms Kamae Byrne has further supported her dedication to these issues by assuming various leadership roles with organizations such as: Common Cause, Hawaii Women's Political Caucus and Government Affairs Committee for National Public Records Research Association.

Ms. Kamae Byrne has a long-standing commitment to justice for all, equity for disenfranchised, and common-sense approach to addressing complex issues facing our community. She has demonstrated strong leadership skills through tackling the daily operational issues of her business to appointments and membership on multiple significant national, state and local non-profit and foundation organizations.

I believe this track record will favorable contribute to the CVCC. I strongly support Jo Kamae Byrne for the Governor's appointment to the appointment she seeks.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. Please contact me at rozaki@hawaii.edu or (808) 554-7736 with questions.

Aloha,

Rebecca Rude Ozaki, Ph.D.