

GM-664

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stacey Moniz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee on Judiciary, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and esteemed members,

Mahalo for your service to our communities. I am so excited that the State of Hawai`i has created a the Hawai`i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission! Mahalo mahalo mahalo for recognizing the need for this commission.

I am writing today to **STRONGLY SUPPORT** the Governor's Nominee for Maui County, Joe Tolbe. I have known Joe for over 30 years and we have worked side by side to end violence in our communities, specifically hate crimes like domestic violence LGBTQI+ violence. Joe is a very active member of our community and has been an advocate for gay rights even before we met.

Joe and I have provided strong support for gay marriage, spending hours calling constituents and helping encourage equal rights for all.

As a gay man, born and raised in Hawai`i, I strongly feel that Joe is the ideal person to have on this important commission. I **STRONGLY** urge you to confirm his service and honor his lifetime of public advocacy by naming him as one of the first members of this important commission.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Stacey Moniz
Pukalani, Maui

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Submitted on: 4/7/2024 10:46:56 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Travis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am pleased to support the Governor's nomination of Mr. Joe Tolbe to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, for a term to expire 06-30-2028. Mr. Tolbe has been a longtime leader in the LGBT Community of Hawai'i, especially on the island of Maui. He has led many efforts of the LGBT Community in the area of health education, physical education, and other services to the citizens of the state. Most recently, he was very active in relief efforts for those evacuated because of the massive fire on Maui. He will be a strong and active leader for the LGBT community and the citizens of Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2024 9:15:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Coco Iwamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am testifying in Strong Support of GM664, Gubernatorial Nominee Joe Tolbe, submitted for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission.

Over the past 7 years that I have gotten to know Tolbe, I have observed him to be one the first people to jump in to help when there are people in need. He was there when students were trying to make sure their LGBTQIA+ classmates had a safe and accessible learning environment. He was there when the world went through a global shut down during the covid pandemic and he jumped in to support mutual aid efforts in his Maui community. And then jumped back in to help during the Lahaina wildfire recovery effort.

Tolbe's resume says he is retired. But that just means he works for free while he shares his love with the many communities that need his help.

For the reasons above, I urge this committee to pass GM664 out of committee.

Sincerely,

Kim Coco Iwamoto

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Submitted on: 4/12/2024 7:37:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/12/2024 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James R Doran III	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am proud to share my support for Joe Tolbe (GM664 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOE TOLBE, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.)

As the President of Aloha Maui Pride I am proud to offer our support for Joe as a member of the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission. I feel confident Joe would represent and champion the interests of our community here on Maui. We would be fortunate to have him represent us on this Commission. If you have any questions about his candidacy, please contact me at 808.870.2564.

Mahalo,

James Doran

President

Aloha Maui Pride

