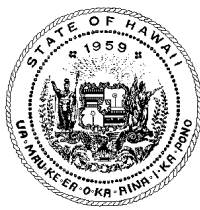


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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE NO. 667
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE TERRI FUNAKOSHI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028.

by

Tommy Johnson, Director

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 27; 3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) **supports** the nomination of Terri Funakoshi to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, term expiration of June 30, 2028.

Ms. Funakoshi has exceptional qualifications and dedication to fostering strategic business growth and innovation. Her ability to maximize business potential through her strategic insights and forward-thinking make her an ideal candidate for the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee.

One of Ms. Funakoshi's standout qualities is her relentless pursuit of operational excellence and profitability. She is experienced in identifying opportunities for improvement and implementing innovative solutions that leverage technology to streamline processes, reduce costs, and drive revenue growth. Her track record of success in this regard speaks volumes about her commitment to delivering tangible results. She understands the value of collaboration and actively seeks opportunities to engage with stakeholders to create positive impacts within our community. Her

collaborative approach not only enriches projects but also ensures inclusivity and diversity of perspectives, ultimately leading to more robust outcomes.

For these reasons, the DCR respectfully urges the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs to Advise and Consent to the nomination of Terri Funakoshi to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of Ms. Funakoshi's nomination.



March 26, 2024

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Chair: Senator Glenn Wakai
Vice Chair: Brandon J.C. Elefante

Date: March 27th, 2024
Time: 3:00pm
Place: State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

RE: GM 667 Consideration and confirmation to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRI FUNAKOSHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

Aloha Chair Wakai and Committee Members,

YWCA O'ahu strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Terri Funakoshi to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee.

Ms. Funakoshi came to the YWCA with years of experience in the hospitality and retail sectors. She joined YWCA O'ahu as the Director of the Patsy T. Mink Center for Business and Leadership and grew our programming to help Hawaii's aspiring business owners. She was instrumental in the launch of our leadership program for Hawaii's women professionals.

As she transitioned to the role of Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Funakoshi not only helped improve the organization's operations and financials but also enhanced and expanded programming that provides work readiness opportunities such as retail and customer service training and e-commerce.

Ms. Funakoshi is an accomplished professional with strong business acumen skills as well as a heart for community service which makes her a great candidate for the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee.

We strongly support the confirmation of Ms. Funakoshi and appreciate your consideration.

Thank you very much.

Noriko Namiki
CEO

March 21, 2024

It is my honor to speak upon Ms. Terri Funakoshi in relation to the Hawaii Correctional Industries' Advisory Committee. I thank you for your time to consider my opinion as I speak about Ms. Funakoshi with great respect and adoration. I strongly believe through Ms. Funakoshi's experience, passion and innate personality, she would be a valuable asset to the Advisory Committee.

Ms. Funakoshi's experience, knowledge and accolades are easily quantifiable. I would like to focus more on the non-measurable aspects, that when combined with her experiences, invokes my full confidence that Ms. Funakoshi will be an exceptional candidate to uphold the mission of Hawaii Correctional Industries, while bringing forth innovative strategies to improve operations.

I was a former employee of Hawaii Correctional Industries, while serving my time at the Women's Community Correctional Center. During my experience I understood the importance of the program. Reintegrating into society and the work force after being incarcerated is a difficult task. There are internal insecurities that a person faces while dealing with societal stigma. Hawaii Correctional Industries lessened the fear by providing real work experience there by instilling a level of confidence. I worked in the clerical department under Christine Lansford. I strongly believe my journey to independence and confidence started within her office and Hawaii Correctional Industries.

It has been my experience that Ms. Funakoshi is someone who genuinely has a passion to help others outperform their own expectations. Ms. Funakoshi is also an advocate for those who are underserved. Ms. Funakoshi has always provided real advice to help steer me in my journey while never making me feel like I was judged or inadequate.

It has been nearly 8 years since I have re-entered the workforce and I truly believe that it is through people like Ms. Funakoshi and programs such as the Hawaii Correctional Industry, that I am where I am today. I have achieved financial independence and I currently supervise a team of 17 case managers helping the underserved population of Hawaii. With all my achievements I still consider Ms. Funakoshi a valuable mentor and sounding board.

Sincerely,

Lois Kim

Oahu CCS TL

CARE Hawaii, Inc.

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Submitted on: 3/26/2024 5:32:10 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/27/2024 3:00:00 PM



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| Susan Utsugi | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I am writing to express my support of Terri Funakoshi, Chief Operating Officer of YWCA Oahu. I've had the benefit of knowing Terri since 2016 when she was named Director of the Patsy T. Mink Center for Business and Leadership at YWCA Oahu, for which I serve on the Advisory Board. I witnessed firsthand how Terri's leadership and can-do spirit generated outstanding results. She launched programs to help women entrepreneurs and emerging women leaders develop and excel. Terri continues to exemplify her leadership skills in her current role as COO of YWCA Oahu. Teri has a strong background in retail operations, entrepreneurship, and leadership; as well as a passion to help others, especially the "underdogs". I have full confidence in Terri and believe she would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Correctional Industries Advisory Committee. Thank you for your consideration.