

Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Re: GM 570, Nomination of Mary Kay Hertog to Governor's Advisory Board on Veteran's Services

Chair Brandon Elefante & Members of the Committee:

I am honored to submit this testimony in strong support of Mary Kay Hertog's nomination to serve on the Governor's Advisory Board on Veteran's Services. With her distinguished career in the United States Air Force and her unwavering commitment to advocating for veterans, Ms. Hertog is exceptionally well-qualified to contribute meaningfully to this board's mission. Ms. Hertog's extensive military background demonstrates not only her leadership skills but also her deep understanding of the challenges faced by veterans. She has firsthand knowledge of the complexities surrounding veterans' healthcare, employment, housing, and overall well-being. Her expertise will be invaluable in shaping policies and programs that address these critical issues.

Beyond her military service, Ms. Hertog has been a tireless advocate for veterans at both the local and national levels. Her work in veteran-focused organizations, coupled with her ability to navigate government and military structures, makes her uniquely suited to serve on the advisory board. She possesses the experience necessary to enhance the support systems available to those who have served our country.

Ms. Hertog's leadership is characterized by integrity, dedication, and commitment to improving the lives of veterans. Her problem-solving skills will undoubtedly contribute to the board's effectiveness in advising the Governor on veterans' issues.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this nomination.

Mahalo,
Stefanie Y. Sakamoto