

**HAWAII STATE SENATE
THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2025**

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Brandon Elefante, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 05, 2024, 3:00 PM

Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Re: Testimony on GM569 – submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans’ Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, Blair Suzuki, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

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

I’m submitting testimony in **support** of GM569. I have been fortunate enough to know Blair Suzuki from grade school. From his time at Campbell High School preparing for life at the United States Naval Academy, to overseeing military operations as a Nuclear Surface Warfare Officer, to being a civilian CEO running his own business. The one constant in all his accomplishments has been his willingness to learn and work hard.

As a former Naval Cadet, Naval Officer and a veteran himself, it is fitting for Mr. Suzuki to sit on this Board to help our veterans in whatever way possible.

It is my honor to support my friend and classmate, Blair Suzuki to the Veterans’ Services Advisory Board.

Mahalo,

Tuli Tafai