

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 6

Honolulu, Hawaii

OCT 29 2007

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 88

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Second Special Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 88, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

G.M. No. 88 ELENA M.H. CABATU,
 for a term to expire 6-30-2010,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee, and finds Elena M.H. Cabatu to have the necessary qualifications to be nominated to serve as a member on the Commission on the Status of Women.

Testimony in support of Elena M.H. Cabatu's nomination was submitted by the Department of Human Services and six individuals. One individual submitted comments.

Ms. Cabatu is a graduate of Georgetown University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Linguistics. She currently serves as the Community Relations and Program Manager for the Hilo Medical Center where she manages internal and external communications regarding hospital affairs, including coordinating media outreach with local media, planning and executing communication plans, and improving public opinion and awareness. Previously, Ms. Cabatu served as a Project Associate for the Communications Consortium Media Center in Washington, D.C. where she managed the Media Tracking System for the Global Health, Population, and Development 2015 Project; served as the Assistant

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Editor of the www.PUSHJournal.org that provides free full-text news stories from more than fifty thousand top news outlets worldwide to over one thousand reporters; and assisted in maintaining other various media databases for journalists located worldwide. She continues to do consulting work for the Communications Consortium Media Center as a Media Analyst for the Global Health, Population, and Development 2015 project.

Since September 2007, Ms. Cabatu has been serving as an interim member for the Commission on the Status of Women and is nominated for a four-year term. Since her interim appointment, she has demonstrated a strong desire to learn about the issues presented to the Commission on the Status of Women, and she has the education, experience, and commitment to assist the Commission in working for equality for women and girls in the State by acting as a catalyst for positive change through advocacy, education, collaboration and program development. Ms. Cabatu's demonstrated commitment and professional experience will prove to be valuable assets for the Commission on the Status of Women.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services and
Public Housing,


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



