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THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
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FIRST DAY

**Thursday, October 28, 2021**

The Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Third Special Session of 2021, was called to order at 10:01 a.m., by Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate, in accordance with the following Proclamation, which was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

*“Proclamation*

October 27, 2021

I, Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 10, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, and at the written request of two-thirds of the members to which the Senate is entitled, do hereby convene the Senate in Special Session as sought in the petition at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 28, 2021, in the State Capitol Senate Chambers, for the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities established by Section 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i.

/s/ Ronald D. Kouchi  
RONALD D. KOUCHI  
President of the Senate”

At this time, the President made the following announcement:

“Before we proceed further, I would also like to note for the record that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic qualifies as a ‘catastrophic disaster’ as defined in Senate Rule 38.5 and there is ‘good cause’ for authorizing Senate members to continue participating in any meeting of members via virtual attendance as set forth in Senate Rule 38.5 for the duration of this Special Session.”

The Roll was then called showing all Senators present, with Senators Acasio, Chang, Dela Cruz, Gabbard, Ihara, Keohokalole, Kim, Lee, Rhoads, Taniguchi, and Wakai present and participating via videoconference, and with the exception of Senators Kidani, Riviere, and Shimabukuro who were excused.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 1 to 5) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 1, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of CLARISSA Y. MALINAO as Judge of the State of Hawai'i First Circuit Court, for a term of ten years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Gov. Msg. No. 2, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of KEVIN T. MORIKONE as Judge of the State of Hawai'i First Circuit Court, for a term of ten years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Gov. Msg. No. 3, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of SHANLYN A. S. PARK as

Judge of the State of Hawai'i First Circuit Court, for a term of ten years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Gov. Msg. No. 4, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of KIRSTIN M. HAMMAN as Judge of the State of Hawai'i Second Circuit Court, for a term of ten years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Gov. Msg. No. 5, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of WENDY M. DEWEESE as Judge of the State of Hawai'i Third Circuit Court, for a term of ten years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**JUDICIARY COMMUNICATION**

The following communication from the Judiciary (Jud. Com. No. 1) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Jud. Com. No. 1, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of KIMBERLY B.M. TANIYAMA to the District Court of the Third Circuit, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

At this time, Senator Rhoads announced that the Committee on Judiciary would be holding a decision-making meeting on Gov. Msg. Nos. 1 to 5 and Jud. Com. No. 1 at 10:30 a.m.

The Chair then made the following announcement:

“The deadline to file standing committee reports on Gov. Msg. Nos. 1 to 5 and Jud. Com. No. 1 is 4:30 p.m. this afternoon.”

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried unanimously, the Clerk was authorized to receive standing committee reports on Gov. Msg. Nos. 1 to 5 and Jud. Com. No. 1. In consequence thereof, and subsequent to its recessing at 10:07 a.m., the Senate took the following actions:

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of CLARISSA Y. MALINAO as Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 1.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1 and Gov. Msg. No. 1 was deferred until Friday, October 29, 2021.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of KEVIN T. MORIKONE as Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 2.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2 and Gov. Msg. No. 2 was deferred until Friday, October 29, 2021.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of SHANLYN A.S. PARK as Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 3.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3 and Gov. Msg. No. 3 was deferred until Friday, October 29, 2021.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 4) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of KIRSTIN M. HAMMAN as Judge of the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 4.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 4 and Gov. Msg. No. 4 was deferred until Friday, October 29, 2021.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 5) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of WENDY M. DEWEESE as Judge of the Circuit Court of the Third Circuit, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 5.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 5 and Gov. Msg. No. 5 was deferred until Friday, October 29, 2021.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 6) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of KIMBERLY B.M. TANIYAMA to the District Court of the Third Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 1.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 6 and Jud. Com. No. 1 was deferred until Friday, October 29, 2021.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:30 p.m., the Senate adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 29, 2021.

## SECOND DAY

Friday, October 29, 2021

The Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Third Special Session of 2021, convened at 11:06 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with Senators Acasio, Chang, DeCoite, Dela Cruz, Gabbard, Keith-Agaran, Keohokalole, Kidani, Kim, Lee, Misalucha, Rhoads, Shimabukuro, and Wakai present and participating via videoconference, and with the exception of Senators Ihara and Riviere who were excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the First Day.

**ORDER OF THE DAY  
ADVISE AND CONSENT**

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1 (Gov. Msg. No. 1):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of CLARISSA Y. MALINAO as Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, for a term of 10 years, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

Senator Rhoads spoke in support of Gov. Msg. No. 1 as follows:

“Clarissa Malinao has been practicing law for 14 years and for the past 2 years has also been a per diem judge with the First Circuit’s district court. As a per diem judge, she has adjudicated civil and criminal traffic infractions and criminal offenses.

“Her private practice has focused on criminal felony cases. Prior to going solo, she was a deputy public defender in the Honolulu office for eight years, where she prepared 70 felony and misdemeanor criminal cases for jury trial, of which 28 were ultimately tried to a jury. Her law career started with clerking for two circuit court judges in the First Circuit.

“Ms. Malinao graduated from Seattle University and Whittier Law School in California, and was admitted to the Hawai'i State Bar in 2006.

“After having reviewed the testimony, which was completely in support of Ms. Malinao’s appointment, and other materials submitted to the Committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Clarissa Y. Malinao is well-qualified to serve as a circuit court judge of the First Circuit, and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment. Mahalo.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ihara, Riviere).

At this time, Senator Rhoads introduced Judge Clarissa Y. Malinao, who wished to acknowledge the support of her family: her parents, Alex and Clarita Malinao, and her husband, Brian Sheehy.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2 (Gov. Msg. No. 2):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of KEVIN T. MORIKONE as Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, for a term of 10 years, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

Senator Rhoads spoke in support of Gov. Msg. No. 2 as follows:

“Judge Kevin Morikone has served on the First Circuit’s district family court bench since 2015, first as a per diem judge for three years and then as a full-time judge after being confirmed by this body in 2018. During his tenure, he was temporarily assigned for seven months to the circuit court, where he presided over 11 misdemeanor jury trials. Since 2020, he has served as lead judge of the family court’s Special Division, which includes domestic abuse restraining orders, paternity, guardianship, adoption, and involuntary commitment cases. He also is a member of the Family Court Legislative Team and the Judicial Education Committee.

“Judge Morikone previously worked in private practice for 10 years, and he represented plaintiffs and defendants in civil litigation matters. He began his law career as a law clerk on the circuit court for Judge Hifo, who testified two days ago in support of his nomination.

“Judge Morikone graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and the William S. Richardson School of Law, and was admitted to the Hawai'i State Bar in 2007.

“After having reviewed the testimony, all of which was in support, and other materials submitted to the Committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Kevin T. Morikone is well-qualified to serve as a circuit court judge of the First Circuit, and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment. Mahalo.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella, Kim). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ihara, Riviere).

At this time, Senator Rhoads introduced Judge Kevin T. Morikone, who wished to acknowledge the support of his parents, Milton and Linda Morikone; his wife, Jessica, and their two children; and attorney Lyle Hosoda and Judge Eden Elizabeth Hifo.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3 (Gov. Msg. No. 3):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of SHANLYN A.S. PARK as Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, for a term of 10 years, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

Senator Rhoads spoke in support of Gov. Msg. No. 3 as follows:

“Shanlyn Park is an attorney with 25 years of experience as a criminal and civil litigator. She worked for 20 years in the Office of the Federal Public Defender in the Honolulu office, first as an assistant federal public defender and then as a senior litigator. She represented indigent clients in the federal court system on charges ranging from Class A felonies to misdemeanor offenses.

“In 2017, Ms. Park moved to private practice and focuses her work on commercial litigation, insurance defense, personal injury litigation, criminal defense, and contested probate matters. Her law career started clerking for a United States magistrate judge for the District of Hawai‘i.

“Ms. Park graduated from Chaminade University and the William S. Richardson School of Law, and was admitted to the Hawai‘i State Bar in 1995.

“After having reviewed the testimony, which was all in support of her confirmation, and other materials submitted to the Committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Shanlyn A.S. Park is well-qualified to serve as a circuit court judge of the First Circuit, and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment. Mahalo.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ihara, Riviere).

At this time, Senator Rhoads introduced Judge Shanlyn A.S. Park, who wished to acknowledge the support of her family: her husband, Kuuhaku; her children, Kamalu and Kahiau; and her parents, Louis and Barbara Souza.

The Chair commented:

“Madam Clerk, before reading the next item, I know that I’m not supposed to influence the vote, but I’d be remiss if I didn’t comment on Judge Park’s nomination. Senator Rhoads, I appreciate you mispronouncing her name so she actually smiled before the vote. She was having a problem with smiling both in the hearing and this morning, but I’ve had the opportunity to know Ms. Park since she was going to law school, and have certainly heard about the dreams and aspirations she had as a young woman and the goals and objectives that she has had, and it is really my honor and privilege—certainly, pleasure—to be here and having been able to cast an affirmative vote in allowing me to help realize the dreams that you’ve had for the last 30 years. So I just wanted to extend my congratulations.”

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 4 (Gov. Msg. No. 4):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 4 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of KIRSTIN M. HAMMAN as Judge of the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, for a term of 10 years, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

Senator Rhoads spoke in support of Gov. Msg. No. 4 as follows:

“Judge Kirstin Hamman is currently one of Maui’s five district court judges. Judge Hamman has served on the district court since 2014, first as a per diem judge and then full-time since confirmation by this body in 2018. During this time, she has presided over district court traffic, criminal, civil, and environmental court calendars.

“Prior to her district court appointment, Judge Hamman was also a solo practitioner for five years focusing on family law and special education law. Her other legal experience includes working as a legislative attorney in the Maui County Office of Counsel Services and a deputy public defender in the Maui office. She began her legal career as a law clerk for a Maui circuit court judge, Judge Mossman.

“Judge Hamman graduated from the University of Hawai‘i – West O‘ahu and the William S. Richardson School of Law, and was admitted to the Hawai‘i State Bar in 1997.

“After having reviewed the testimony, all of which was in support of the appointment, and other materials submitted to the Committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Kirstin M. Hamman is well-qualified to serve as a circuit court judge of the Second Circuit, and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment. Mahalo.”

Senator Baker rose to request that remarks in strong support of Gov. Msg. No. 4 be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Baker’s remarks read as follows:

“Mr. President, I rise in strong support of the confirmation of Kirstin M. Hamman’s appointment to the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit.

“Kristin M. Hamman is a compassionate and highly qualified individual. She is established in the Maui community, having practiced law for many years before her current appointment to the District Court of the Second Circuit in 2018. Previously she had her own private practice specializing in family law and special education law. She was also an attorney with the Maui Office of Council Services, the Public Defender’s Office, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. She was also formerly a law clerk to Judge Boyd Mossman and the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

“Kristin is known for her volunteer work in the Maui community. While working at the Maui Bar Association, she volunteered significant amounts of her time to community service projects. These projects included improving access to justice with the Maui Self-Help center and fundraising for scholarships. Her legal expertise, experience with criminal and civil litigation, and dedication to the Maui community prove her to be a perfect fit for this appointment.

“It is my honor to speak in strong support of the confirmation of Kristin M. Hamman as judge for the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, County of Maui.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ihara, Riviere).

At this time, Senator Rhoads introduced Judge Kirstin M. Hamman, who wished to acknowledge the support of her son, Mason Ouchi, and to recognize Mason’s fifth grade class at Pōmaika‘i Elementary School, who was watching with their teacher, Ms. Kitagawa.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 5 (Gov. Msg. No. 5):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 5 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of WENDY M. DEWEESE as Judge of the Circuit Court of the Third Circuit, for a term of 10 years, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

Senator Rhoads spoke in support of Gov. Msg. No. 5 as follows:

“Judge Wendy DeWeese is a current judge in the Third Circuit (Hawai‘i island). She was appointed in 2018 to the district family court and since July 2020 has been temporarily assigned to the circuit court position that she is now seeking. While serving as a temporary circuit court judge, she has presided over the Big Island drug court, the Big Island veterans’ treatment court, felony criminal trials, civil cases involving foreclosures, and jury and non-jury trials.



“Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge DeWeese was a deputy public defender in the Kona office for 11 years. She was also a law clerk in the Third Circuit. Her earlier legal experience was gained as a practitioner in California, with a focus on family law and general civil law cases.

“Judge DeWeese graduated from Pomona College and Southwestern University School of Law, both in California, and was admitted to the Hawai‘i State Bar in 2006.

“After having reviewed the testimony, all of which was in support, and other materials submitted to the Committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Wendy M. DeWeese is well-qualified to serve as a circuit court judge of the Third Circuit, and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment. Mahalo.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ihara, Riviere).

At this time, Senator Rhoads introduced Judge Wendy M. DeWeese.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 6 (Jud. Com. No. 1):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 6 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of KIMBERLY B.M. TANIYAMA to the District Court of the Third Circuit, for a term of six years, seconded by Senator Keohokalole.

Senator Rhoads spoke in support of Jud. Com. No. 1 as follows:

“Kimberly Taniyama has been practicing law for 23 years, 19 of which were with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for Hawai‘i County. With that office, she has been a deputy prosecuting attorney, a supervisor for the West Hawai‘i Unit, and a traffic safety resource prosecutor. Since leaving the prosecutor’s office in 2017, Ms. Taniyama became a sole practitioner focusing on family and criminal law cases. She also has served the Third Circuit as a per diem judge in the district court, and has presided over district court civil, traffic, and criminal calendars, motions hearings, and trials.

“Ms. Taniyama graduated from Loyola Marymount University in California and the William S. Richardson School of Law, and was admitted to the Hawai‘i State Bar in 1997.

“After having reviewed the testimony, all of which was in support of her confirmation, and other materials submitted to the Committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Kimberly B.M. Taniyama is well-qualified to serve as a district court judge of the Third Circuit, and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment. Mahalo.”

The Chair remarked:

“Before calling the vote, I was remiss for not thanking you, Chair Rhoads, at the top of the agenda for the work that you and your staff did as Judiciary chair in coordinating the hearings and getting the reports out for us to be able to transact our business today, and to the rest of the Judiciary committee, who has thoroughly vetted each of the candidates. Apparently, the Judiciary committee has made quite an impression on each of them. Only when you mispronounced ‘Loyola Marymount’ or Ms. Park’s name did I see two of them actually smile before the votes, so they’ve been trying to hold their composure and be as serious as they can be, reflective of your positive

recommendation, so thank you to you and your committee and your staff for the hard work in getting all of these nominees to the floor today.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ihara, Riviere).

At this time, Senator Rhoads introduced Judge Kimberly B.M. Taniyama, who wished to acknowledge the support of her family: her husband, Chad; her children, Chase, Cade, and Mina; her father, Richard Tsuchiya; and her sister, Cecily Tsuchiya.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION

The following resolution (S.R. No. 1) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

S.R. No. 1 “SENATE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE ON THIS FINAL DAY OF THE THIRD SPECIAL SESSION OF 2021.”

Offered by: Senators Kanuha, Fevella.

On motion by Senator Kanuha, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, S.R. No. 1 was adopted.

At this time, Senator Baker rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“Mr. President and colleagues, as one of the co-conveners of the Women’s Legislative Caucus, I would be remiss if I didn’t acknowledge all of the wonderful new women judges we have just confirmed. On this floor, we took our governor to task for not giving us a more diverse and yet well-qualified list of candidates. However, the governor heard us and this group of judges we just confirmed demonstrates the diversity of Hawai‘i and also the breadth of well-qualified women attorneys who live in Hawai‘i and are capable of serving in the Judiciary as well as in many other positions. These new judges bring diversity, knowledge, experience, and depth to our judiciary and are role models for our youth. Mahalo.”

Senator Misalucha spoke on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“Even as we approach the end of this month, I’d like to acknowledge that, throughout the entire country, October is celebrated as Filipino American History Month. Filipinos landed on Hawai‘i’s shores more than 100 years ago to work in sugarcane plantations. They left all that was near and dear to their hearts in search of a better life for them and their families. From the 15 sakadas, or laborers, mostly from the Ilocos region, Filipinos in Hawai‘i now represent more than 20 percent of the state’s population and have been woven into the colorful tapestry that makes Hawai‘i unique. Here at the state Senate, I join esteemed Senators Donovan Dela Cruz, Donna Mercado Kim, Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Joy San Buenaventura, and Lorraine Inouye, whose great-grandfather was one of the first sakadas, as proud Filipino Americans. We embrace our culture and its legacy, ever grateful that we live in a state that celebrates diversity. To those who are Filipinos, part Filipino, married a Filipino, or want to be a Filipino: mabuhay! Maraming salamat po.”

The Chair made the following comments:

“I wanted to have recorded in the Senate Journal the congratulations from the Hawai‘i State Senate to House Speaker Scott Saiki. At the National Conference of State Legislatures’ annual conference next week in Tampa, he will be elected president of NCSL, and it is a great honor and recognition for the State of Hawai‘i. Through his election, he’ll be able to

highlight issues that are important to us here, and, during this COVID-19 pandemic, what better time for him to be able to highlight and showcase the issues that we are confronted with here in Hawai'i, so congratulations to Speaker Saiki on ascending to the presidency of NCSL."

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Kanuha moved that the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Third Special Session of 2021, adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried.

At 11:28 a.m., the President rapped his gavel and declared the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Third Special Session of 2021, adjourned Sine Die.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SCRep. 1            Judiciary on Gov. Msg. No. 1**

Recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of the following:

**JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT**

G.M. No. 1        CLARISSA Y. MALINAO, for a term to expire in 10 years

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Clarissa Y. Malinao to serve as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the appointment of Judge Clarissa Y. Malinao from the Office of the Public Defender, State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers, Hawai'i Women Lawyers, Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association, Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i, Honorable Simeon R. Acoba Jr.-retired, Honorable Michael Town-retired, Honorable Faye M. Koyanagi-retired, and sixty-six individuals. Your Committee received comments on the appointment of Judge Clarissa Y. Malinao from the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Hawaii State Bar Association Board of Directors found the appointee to be qualified for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit based on established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial appointments generally using the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. Specifically, the Board uses the following criteria in its deliberations: integrity and diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and ability to perform the responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been appointed. The Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified".

Judge Malinao received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Seattle University. She later received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Whittier Law School. Following graduation from law school, she was a law clerk for the Honorable Michael A. Town, then served as a law clerk for the Honorable Marcia J. Waldorf.

From 2007 to 2015, Judge Malinao served as a Deputy Public Defender in the Office of the Public Defender in Honolulu, where she participated in seventy jury trials of which twenty-eight were tried before a jury, defended an estimated several hundred non-jury trials, argued various substantive pretrial motions and sentencing hearings, represented HOPE diversion clients, drafted appellate briefs, and presented an oral argument before the Hawaii Supreme Court. After serving as a Deputy Public Defender, Judge Malinao went into private practice where she represented clients charged with criminal felony offenses in both state circuit court and federal court, clients with matters before the Hawaii Paroling Authority, and witnesses in federal grand jury proceedings. She also represented clients in Family Court in matters involving paternity, contested custody, child welfare services, and juvenile and adult guardian ad litem appointments.

Judge Malinao served as a grand jury counsel for the Circuit Court of the First Circuit from 2018 to 2019. She is a Lawyer Delegate to the United States District Court, District Court of Hawaii, Judicial Conference for a three-year term to end on April 25, 2022. Since 2019, Judge Malinao has also served as a Per Diem Judge for the District Court of the First Circuit.

Judge Malinao has been licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii since 2006 and has been actively involved in the legal community throughout her career. She has served on various committees including the Standing Committee on Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions, Permanent Committee on Equality and Access to the Courts, and is Co-Chair of the Hawaii State Bar Association Diversity, Equality and the Law Committee. In 2020, she was recognized as Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney Honoree for her volunteer work with Volunteer Legal Services of Hawai'i. Judge Malinao is also a Hawaii State Bar Association Leadership Institute Fellow.

Testimony submitted in support of Judge Malinao's appointment commends her professional and legal experience, extensive trial experience, and commitment to the legal community. Testimony further states that during her service as Per Diem Judge for the District Court of the First Circuit, she has presided with distinction, honor, compassion, and fairness; served the Judiciary with integrity; and has exhibited superb judicial temperament. Numerous testifiers also praised her dedication to a just and fair judicial system.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on her behalf, responses to questions asked by the members of your Committee, and your Committee's review of information about her and her qualifications, Clarissa Y. Malinao has the experience, temperament, and other competencies to be a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, and she has the legal expertise, dedication, and demeanor to fully and faithfully discharge the duties associated with that judicial office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the appointee, has found the appointee to be qualified for the position to which appointed and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

**SCRep. 2            Judiciary on Gov. Msg. No. 2**

Recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of the following:

**JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT**

G.M. No. 2        KEVIN T. MORIKONE, for a term to expire in 10 years

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Kevin T. Morikone to serve as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the appointment of Judge Kevin T. Morikone from Mediated Solutions of Hawaii LLC, Honorable Bambi Hifo-retired, and forty-eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on the appointment of Judge Kevin T. Morikone from the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Hawaii State Bar Association Board of Directors found the appointee to be qualified for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit based on established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial appointments generally using the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. Specifically, the Board uses the following criteria in its deliberations: integrity and diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and ability to perform the responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been appointed. The Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified".

Judge Morikone received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He later received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where he graduated cum laude. During law school, Judge Morikone worked as a legal assistant and law clerk for Lyle S. Hosoda & Associates, LLC. Following law school, he was a law clerk for the Honorable Eden Elizabeth Hifo.

Starting in 2008, Judge Morikone became an associate at Lyle S. Hosoda & Associates, where he conducted and analyzed legal research, drafted court pleadings and discovery requests, drafted motions and oppositions, argued motions, and conducted district court trials. In 2011, Judge Morikone became a partner at Hosoda & Morikone, LLC, where he was given additional responsibilities, including developing litigation strategy, serving as lead counsel in matters, and serving as a CAAP arbitrator.

Judge Morikone served as Per Diem District Court Judge for the Family Court of the First Circuit from 2015 to 2018. He was since appointed in 2018 to the Family Court of the First Circuit as a District Court Judge, where he has presided over numerous divorce cases for more than three years, been assigned as Lead Judge of the Special Division, become a member of the Family Court Legislative Team, and served as a member of the Judicial Education Committee. In 2019, the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court temporarily assigned Judge Morikone to serve as a Circuit Court Judge for the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, where he presided over family criminal cases.

Testimony submitted in support of Judge Morikone's appointment commends his diligence, intelligence, and commitment to fairness and justice. According to testimony, during his service as the District Court Judge and Circuit Court Judge for the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, Judge Morikone has demonstrated a superb judicial temperament and the ability to treat all individuals with whom he interacts with dignity, humility, and equality. Judge Morikone has also gained experience in criminal law during his assignment as a Circuit Court Judge where he presided over eleven misdemeanor jury trials. Numerous testifiers specifically praised his integrity as well as his high moral character.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on his behalf, responses to questions asked by the members of your Committee, and your Committee's review of information about him and his qualifications, Kevin T. Morikone has the commitment, temperament, and other competencies to be a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, and he has the dedication, integrity, and demeanor to fully and faithfully discharge the duties associated with that judicial office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the appointee, has found the appointee to be qualified for the position to which appointed and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Keohokalole, Kim, Fevella). Noes, none. Excused, none.

### **SCRep. 3            Judiciary on Gov. Msg. No. 3**

Recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of the following:

#### **JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT**

G.M. No. 3        SHANLYN A.S. PARK, for a term to expire in 10 years

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Shanlyn A.S. Park to serve as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the appointment of Shanlyn A.S. Park from Hawai'i Women Lawyers, Sacred Hearts Academy, Elizabeth Kahanu Hawaiian Civic Club, ProjectFocus Hawaii, and forty-six individuals. Your Committee received comments on the appointment of Shanlyn A.S. Park from the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Hawaii State Bar Association Board of Directors found the appointee to be qualified for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit based on established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial appointments generally using the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. Specifically, the Board uses the following criteria in its deliberations: integrity and diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and ability to perform the responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been appointed. The Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified".

Ms. Park received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Chaminade University. She later received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. During law school, she was an extern for the Honorable United States Magistrate Francis I. Yamashita, then after law school became a law clerk for the Honorable Judge Francis I. Yamashita.

From 1997 to 2017, Ms. Park worked at the Office of the Federal Public Defender where she started as an Assistant Federal Public Defender. As an Assistant Federal Public Defender, she represented indigent clients charged with federal offenses, provided vertical

representation for clients, participated in training for attorneys who served the district court on the Criminal Justice Act Panel, and participated in the Reentry Program for the District Court for the District of Hawaii. In 2013, Ms. Park became Senior Litigator at the Hawaii Office of the Federal Public Defender, where she was responsible for in-office training for assistant federal public defenders in advocacy skills. From 2001 to 2006, Ms. Park was also an adjunct professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where she taught appellate advocacy.

After serving at the Office of the Federal Public Defender, Ms. Park went into private practice as a partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP where she represented clients in commercial litigation, probate, insurance defense, and criminal defense matters. In 2021, Ms. Park became of counsel at Gallagher Kane Amari & Reyes, where she participates in and oversees all aspects of the presentation of defense in matters involving litigation. Ms. Park also serves on the Criminal Justice Act Panel for the United States District Court, District of Hawaii.

Ms. Park has been licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii since 1995 and has been actively involved in the legal community throughout her career. She is a board member of the Hawaii State Bar Foundation and Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. She is a criminal justice panel attorney, lawyer representative, and Criminal Justice Act representative for the Kapilipono Program for the United States District Court, District of Hawaii. In addition, she is also a volunteer with the Judiciary's Access to Justice Room.

Testimony submitted in support of Ms. Park's appointment commends her extensive legal experience, dedication to the community, and commitment to fairness and justice. During her tenure at the Office of the Federal Public Defender, she demonstrated a superb professional temperament and the ability to treat all individuals with whom she interacts with patience, empathy, and respect. Numerous testifiers also praised her integrity as well as her strong trial skills and work ethic.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on her behalf, responses to questions asked by the members of your Committee, and your Committee's review of information about her and her qualifications, Shanlyn A.S. Park has the experience, values, and other competencies to be a Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit, and she has the legal expertise, dedication, and character to fully and faithfully discharge the duties associated with that judicial office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the appointee, has found the appointee to be qualified for the position to which appointed and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.  
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

#### **SCRep. 4            Judiciary on Gov. Msg. No. 4**

Recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of the following:

#### JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT

G.M. No. 4        KIRSTIN M. HAMMAN, for a term to expire in 10 years

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Kirstin M. Hamman to serve as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the appointment of Judge Kirstin H. Hamman from the Hawai'i Women Lawyers, Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui, and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on the appointment of Judge Kirstin M. Hamman from the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Hawaii State Bar Association Board of Directors found the appointee to be qualified for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the Second Circuit based on established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial appointments generally using the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. Specifically, the Board uses the following criteria in its deliberations: integrity and diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and ability to perform the responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been appointed. The Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified".

Judge Hamman received her Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Hawaii-West O'ahu. She later received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. During law school, Judge Hamman was a law clerk for the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. Following law school, she served as a law clerk for the Honorable Boyd P. Mossman, Judge of the Second Circuit Court.

From 1998 to 2007, Judge Hamman served as a Deputy Public Defender in the Office of the Public Defender in Maui, where she represented indigent clients during all stages of criminal proceedings, including conducting arraignments and pleas, bail hearings, evidentiary hearings, sentencing hearings, bench trials, jury trials, and parole hearings. Subsequently, from 2007 to 2013, Judge Hamman was a legislative attorney for the Office of Council Services, Maui County, where she assisted the County Council and its committees and council members in carrying out their legislative duties; conducted legal research and writing; and reviewed and drafted legislation, contracts, committee reports, and other council member correspondence.

In 2013, Judge Hamman went into private practice where she primarily represented clients in family law matters. From 2014 to 2018, she also was a Per Diem Judge for the District Court of the Second Circuit presiding over traffic, criminal, and civil matters. Since 2018, she has served as a District Court Judge for the District Court of the Second Circuit.

Judge Hamman has been licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii since 1997 and has been actively involved in the legal community throughout her career. She is the secretary for the Hawaii State Trial Judges Association and a member of both the Hawaii Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being and the District Court Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee of Operational Solutions.

Additionally, she was previously a member of the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates and the Maui County Commission on Children and Youth.

Testimony submitted in support of Judge Hamman's appointment commends her legal expertise, extensive experience with criminal and civil litigation, and dedication to the community. Testimony further indicates that during her tenure as a Per Diem Judge for the District Court of the Second Circuit and District Court Judge for the District Court of the Second Circuit, she demonstrated a superb judicial temperament and the ability to be respectful and fair to all individuals with whom she interacts. Numerous testifiers also praised her diligence and strong work ethic.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on her behalf, responses to questions asked by the members of your Committee, and your Committee's review of information about her and her qualifications, Kirstin M. Hamman has the experience, demeanor, and other competencies to be a Circuit Court Judge of the Second Circuit, and possesses the honesty, intelligence, and integrity to fully and faithfully discharge the duties associated with that judicial office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the appointee, has found the appointee to be qualified for the position to which appointed and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

**SCRep. 5                    Judiciary on Gov. Msg. No. 5**

Recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of the following:

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT

G.M. No. 5            WENDY M. DEWEESE, for a term to expire in 10 years

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Wendy M. DeWeese to serve as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the Third Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the appointment of Judge Wendy M. DeWeese from the Office of the Public Defender, Hawai'i Women Lawyers, West Hawaii Bar Association, Honorable Mahilani E.K. Hiatt-retired, and fourteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on the appointment of Judge Wendy M. DeWeese from the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Hawaii State Bar Association Board of Directors found the appointee to be qualified for the position of Circuit Court Judge of the Third Circuit based on established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial appointments generally using the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. Specifically, the Board uses the following criteria in its deliberations: integrity and diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and ability to perform the responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been appointed. The Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified".

Judge DeWeese received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics/Public Policy Analysis from Pomona College. She later received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Southwestern University School of Law, where she graduated cum laude. She is a licensed attorney in both California and Hawaii.

In 1997, Judge DeWeese became a partner at Messina & DeWeese LLP in California where she managed all aspects of law practice specializing in general civil and family law. She later started the Law Offices of Wendy M. DeWeese, where she continued to manage a California law practice. From 2005 to 2007, Judge DeWeese served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ronald Ibarra. Then, from 2007 to 2018, she served as a Deputy Public Defender in the Office of the Public Defender in Kealahou, where she worked on all aspects of misdemeanor and felony cases, including negotiating plea agreements, litigating evidentiary motions and jury trials, overseeing the juvenile criminal calendar and involuntary hospitalization case, and supervising other attorneys and staff members.

From 2018 to 2020, Judge DeWeese served as a Family Court Judge for the District Court of the Third Circuit, where she presided over the family court calendar consisting of temporary restraining order, child welfare, paternity, and divorce cases. Since 2020, Judge DeWeese has been temporarily assigned as a Circuit Court Judge for the State of Hawaii Third Circuit Court, where she presides over Big Island Drug Court, Big Island Veterans' Treatment Court, and felony criminal and civil cases.

Judge DeWeese has been licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii since 2006 and has been actively involved in the legal community throughout her career. She has volunteered at numerous programs and organizations, including the Court House Self Help, Courts in the Community, Kids First Program, and We the People. Judge DeWeese is also a member of the Hawaii Board of Examiners, Hawaii Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being, and other committees.

Testimony submitted in support of Judge DeWeese's appointment commends her legal expertise, dedication to the community, and commitment to fairness and justice. Testimony further states that during her tenure as a Family Court Judge, she demonstrated a superb judicial temperament and the ability to treat all individuals with whom she interacted with thoughtfulness and fairness. Numerous testifiers also praised her work ethic, as well as her strong leadership skills and dedication.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on her behalf, responses to questions asked by the members of your Committee, and your Committee's review of information about her and her qualifications, Wendy M. DeWeese has the experience, commitment, and other competencies to be a Circuit Court Judge of the Third Circuit, and she has the legal expertise, integrity, and demeanor to fully and faithfully discharge the duties associated with that judicial office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the appointee, has found the appointee to be qualified for the position to which appointed and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.  
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

**SCRep. 6            Judiciary on Jud. Com. No. 1**

Recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of the following:

DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT

J.C. No. 1            KIMBERLY B.M. TANIYAMA, for a term to expire in 6 years

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Kimberly B.M. Taniyama to serve as a Judge of the District Court of the Third Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the appointment of Judge Kimberly B.M. Taniyama from the Office of the Public Defender, West Hawaii Bar Association, Hospice of Kona Foundation, Hawai'i Women Lawyers, Honorable Mahilani E.K. Hiatt-retired, Honorable Greg Nakamura-retired, and fourteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on the appointment of Judge Kimberly B.M. Taniyama from the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Hawaii State Bar Association Board of Directors found the appointee to be qualified for the position of District Court Judge of the Third Circuit based on established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial appointments generally using the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. Specifically, the Board uses the following criteria in its deliberations: integrity and diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and ability to perform the responsibilities and duties required of the position for which the applicant has been appointed. The Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified".

Judge Taniyama received her Bachelor of Arts degrees in English Writing and Biology from Loyola Marymount University. She later received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. After law school, she was a law clerk for the State of Hawaii Judiciary.

From 1998 to 2017, Judge Taniyama served as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Hawaii County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, where she was initially responsible for charging assessments; conferring with law enforcement; conducting legal research; and drafting legal documents for evidentiary hearings, bench and jury trial, and appeals. In 2010, Judge Taniyama became a traffic safety resource prosecutor for the Hawaii County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, where she was responsible for creating, organizing, and presenting training for the deputy prosecuting attorneys and law enforcement personnel statewide. In 2011, she also became a supervisor for the West Hawaii Deputy Unit of the Hawaii County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, where she was responsible for scheduling and coordinating training and overseeing the Unit.

After serving as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Judge Taniyama went into private practice where she represented clients in family court cases involving divorce, paternity, orders for protection, custody, adoption, and other family law matters. She also represented clients in criminal cases and other district court matters including landlord tenant issues, protective injunctions, criminal defense, and traffic cases. Judge Taniyama has served as a Per Diem Judge for the District Court of the Third Circuit since 2019.

Judge Taniyama has been licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii since 1997 and has been actively involved in the legal community throughout her career. She has volunteered for many activities and resources, including Kona Courthouse Self-Help Center, Courts of the Community, and We the People. She has also been a member of the West Hawaii Bar Association, Hawaii State Bar Association Government Lawyers Section, Friends of the Libraries, and the Kona Crime Prevention Committee. In 2017, Judge Taniyama received the Hawaii State Bar Association Government Lawyers Section 2016 Pro Bono Legal Service Award.

Testimony submitted in support of Judge Taniyama's appointment commends her legal expertise, dedication to the community, and commitment to fairness and justice. Testimony further indicates that during her tenure as a Per Diem Judge for the District Court of the Third Circuit, she has demonstrated a superb judicial temperament and the ability to treat all individuals with whom she interacts with fairness, respect, and civility. Numerous testifiers also praised her integrity, as well as her intelligence and keen understanding of the law.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on her behalf, responses to questions asked by the members of your Committee, and your Committee's review of information about her and her qualifications, Kimberly B.M. Taniyama has the experience, dedication, and other competencies to be a District Court Judge of the Third Circuit, and she has the legal expertise, integrity, and demeanor to fully and faithfully discharge the duties associated with that judicial office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the appointee, has found the appointee to be qualified for the position to which appointed and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.  
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

NUMBER AND TITLE	Offered	Referred	Report of Committee	Adoption
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