GM 801

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Paroling Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANNELLE AMARAL, for a term to expire 6-30-19.



STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 801 CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF ANNELLE AMARAL TO THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY

By Nolan P. Espinda, Director Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 16, 2015, 1:15 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the confirmation of Annelle Amaral to continue serving as a member of the Hawaii Paroling Authority. The nominee's extensive experience in her former Law Enforcement and Legislative roles provides her a unique and invaluable insight into the details of an inmate's entire processing through the Law Enforcement, Judicial, Corrections and finally, the Parole systems in Hawaii.

Annelle Amaral has been an active and enthusiastic participant in her current role as a Parole Board member, and we support her continued appointment to a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



STATE OF HAWAII HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 801 Consideration and Confirmation of Annelle Amaral to the Hawaii Paroling Authority

By Bert Y. Matsuoka Chairman, Hawaii Paroling Authority

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Senator Will Espero, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 16, 2015; 1:15p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

I am providing testimony <u>in strong support</u> of the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Annelle Amaral for a full 4-year term as a member of the Hawaii Paroling Authority to expire on June 30, 2019.

Since her initial appointment to the Authority in December 2012, Ms. Amaral has consistently displayed integrity, diligence, and a commitment to public service. She clearly possesses the knowledge, abilities, professional experience, and mature judgment required of the members of the Authority.

Ms. Amaral's experience on the board, knowledge of the Authority, career experience and skills are instrumental in the Authority's decision making process. It is without reservation that I strongly recommend the nomination of this qualified and dedicated public servant to continue as a member of the Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Ms. Amaral's nomination and confirmation.



TO: Chair Will Espero
Vice Chair Roz Baker
Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FR: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.

RE: Nomination of Annelle Amaral to the Hawaii Paroling Authority

Aloha. I submit this unqualified support for the re-appointment of Ms. Annelle Amaral to the Hawaii Paroling Authority. It is truly our good fortune that she is willing to serve again. The work incumbent on members of this Board is not well understood by the general public. Their gift of service requires exquisite attention, abiding hope, the tenacity to absorb details and stories of the dark side of people and the resilience to bring accountability to those offenders in our community who will endanger us.

Annelle holds these qualities in ways that are beyond measure. Her experience with law enforcement, the not for profit sector, survivors of violence, the native Hawaiian community and public policy provide a strong foundation and a source of wisdom for the work done in the name of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

I have known Annelle for more than 25 years and seen her commitment to a healthy community, a willingness to stand up for what is right and the courage to be humble in the face of adversity. Annelle is, at once, strong and holds grace. We need her to work with those in our prisons who are working towards assimilation back into the community. Their readiness is our risk. Annelle understands this and I trust her capacity to listen and apply solid judgment.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony. And, mahalo for favorable action in the best interests of us all.





A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

Executive Director Adriana Ramelli DATE:

April 16, 2015

Advisory Board

TO:

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair

President

Mimi Beams

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Vice President Peter Van Zile

FROM:

Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director The Sex Abuse Treatment Center

Joanne H. Arizumi

Mark J. Bennett

RE:

Governor's Message 801 - Annelle Amaral

Testimony in Strong Support of Confirmation

Andre Bisquera Marilyn Carlsmith

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Monica Cobb-Adams

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Gidget Ruscetta

Joshua A. Wisch

I would like to thank the Committee for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (the SATC), a program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, in strong support of the confirmation of Annelle Amaral as a Member of the Hawai'i Paroling Authority (the Authority).

The Authority's is entrusted with determining whether convicted felons should be permitted to serve a portion of their sentences under supervision in the community. The Authority also responsible for setting the minimum terms of imprisonment that each offender must serve before they are eligible for parole.

In this capacity, each member of the Authority must carefully consider all aspects of every case record and seek out additional information that will allow them to make principled, educated judgments of whether offenders represent a continued threat to the community and are able, willing, and prepared to comply with parole requirements.

It is crucial that each Member of the Authority be a dedicated, experienced public servant, who has a demonstrated ability to expertly analyze issues of community safety, while considering the nuanced and often conflicting needs of stakeholders who will be profoundly affected by the Authority's decisions.

Ms. Amaral is ideally suited for this role, as she has a profound talent for critical thinking and strategic decision making, as proven over the course of a lifetime spent in service to the People of Hawai'i. Moreover, Ms. Amaral's professional background includes extensive experience as a victim advocate, law enforcement officer, legislator, and expert with respect to issues that concern people of Native Hawaiian descent.

Therefore, we strongly believe that Ms. Amaral will make consistently well-informed, victim- and culturally-sensitive decisions as a Member of the Hawai'i Paroling Authority that are mindful that paroled offenders have the best chance of reintegrating successfully as contributing members of society, without placing the community at risk.

The SATC proudly supports Ms. Amaral's nomination to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority, and respectfully requests that the Committee confirm this appointment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT Annelle Amaral's continued presence on the Hawaii Paroling Aurhority.

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Jalna Keala	Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	Support	No

Comments: Soulee Stroud will be testifying for the org. Sorry if this is a repeat submittal.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa Pavlicek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Melissa Pavlicek. I am an attorney and small business owner. I have known Annelle Amaral for nearly 20 years. She is a diligent, thoughtful, committed community leader. I have participated with her in extended community service activities, such as a community-based women's organization, and highly recommended her services as a consultant to clients. I have personally observed her willingness to advocate for transparency and accountability in government and believe that she possesses the highest degree of integrity. Please confirm her appointment.

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GM 801

From: Fituina Tua [mailto:tapa2b@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 8:30 PM **To:** PSMTestimony; Annelle Amaral

Subject: Annelle Amaral - Support Letter for Hawaii Parole Board

I am writing in support of Annelle Amaral for another 4-year term on the Hawaii Parole Board. Annelle brings a wealth of experience to the make up of the Parole Board. Her background as a former officer of the Honolulu Police Department, as a former State Legislator, her active volunteer work with the Hawaiian community, as current President of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs of Hawaii, involvement on Womem issues, and her professional experience as a facilitator/mediator are some of the many qualities that she brings to the make-up of the Parole Board. As a Board Member, I have witnessed Annelle's experiences put into use by making sound decisions on difficult cases before the Board. She is thoughtful, respectful, and known for studying the issues of the cases in formulating her decision. She understands the rules and regulations, applicable laws, and cases laws in guiding her decisions. More importantly, she has a keen understanding of the inmates motivations and ask good questions in finding the truth in the assessment of an inmate's consideration for release/parole. She is fair in her decisions and judgments.

I whole heartedly support her for another 4-year term on the Parole Board.

I am a retired Federal Probation Officer with over 30 years of experience in this field with the State of Hawaii and Massachusetts. I am also a sitting Board Member of the Parole Board. Having sat with Annelle on the Board, I can attest that she is well qualified and a valuable member of the Board and a benefit to the community.

Aloha.

Fituina F. Tua Member, Hawaii Parole Board

Senate Committee on Public Safety Intergovernmental & Military Affairs

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair

April 16, 2015 State Capitol Room 229

STRONG SUPPORT - GM 801

Aloha Chair Will Espero,

My name is Antoinette L. Lee and I strongly SUPPORT Governor Ige's appointment of Annelle Amaral to be reappointed to the State Parole Board. Ms. Amaral's term will be expiring on June 30, 2015 and I highly recommend her to be reappointed through June 2019. I have served on many Boards and Committees with Ms Amaral for 20 plus years. She is very organized, honest, transparent, responsible and caring.

Ms Annelle Amaral is a keiki o ka`aina with very strong Hawaiian Values and a deep commitment of our legal system of which she has spent much time working in and being a part of. Her outstanding resume fully speaks to all the work experiences that fully qualifies her to be a great candidate to continue to serve on the State Parole Board. Her education background and work experiences in law enforcement, facilitator experiences, strategic planning, human services, legal aid Society of Hawai`i, Community Planning, Private Investigator, Legislator, Honolulu Police Department, United States Army Community Hearings, Facilitator for the Native Hawaiian Advisory Council to the United States Army Garrison shows her strengths in working with Organizations, Private, Government and Community based, and speaks to her ability to be very resourceful, organized, professional with great integrity, intelligence and steadfast to her commitment to helping others and making Hawai`i a better place to live. Her employment history will be a tremendous asset to the Parole Board.

Ms Amaral is a very strong individual that is also proud to be a Hawaiian and committed to our culture and historic resources. She is very active in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and is the President of this National Organization. She definitely is the right person to be appointed to the Parole Board. She is a great listener and a person who deeply cares. She will be able to make sure those

incarcerated have been rehabilitated and are ready to return to the community at large.

I encourage you to reappoint Ms Annelle Amaral to the Parole Board. She is the right choice.

Antoinette L. Lee Cell Phone: (808) 222-7853 Pearl City, Hawai`i April 15, 2015 From: Claudia Shay <selfhelphawaii@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 11:36 AM

To: PSMTestimony

Subject: GM 801

To: Senator Will Espero, Chair

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice-Chair

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

It is a great honor for me to present testimony in support of the Gubernatorial Nominee Annelle Amaral to the Hawaii Paroling Authority. Having been a Honolulu Police Officer herself, setting up the Rape Prevention Program, working as a private investigator, serving in the Governor's Affirmative Action Program from 1982-1986, having served as a Hawaii State Legislator from 1988-1996, and as the Deputy Administrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Annelle has the background in crime prevention yet the sensitivity to work with inmates seeking parole. With the experience of serving on the parole board for more than 2 years, her extensive work experience, and her significant community work with women, Native Hawaiian organizations, and indigent rights, she is well prepared to serve on the Hawaii Paroling Authority. Her vast formal work experience in crime prevention, communications, affirmative action, social services, and facilitation of significant community issues with an array of diverse groups provides her with the skill set to analyze an inmate's readiness for parole in a fair and reasonable manner. With Annelle Amaral serving on the Hawaii Paroling Authority citizens can expect that inmates will have a fair chance of parole consideration while the community is being protected. Thank you for the opportunity to endorse a professional for whom I have tremendous respect. With aloha,

Claudia Shay, Executive Director Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii 1427 Dillingham Blvd., Ste. 305 Honolulu, Hawaii 96817 808-842-7111 (ph)/808-842-7896 (fax)

Pohai Ryan

150 Hamakua Drive PMB#824 Kailua, Hawaii 96734

April 12, 2015

Senator Will Espero
Committee Chair
Senator Rosalyn Baker
Committee Vice Chair
Senate Committee onf Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Senate

RE: GM80815 <u>Submitting Support</u> for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Paroling Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANNELLE AMARAL for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Aloha Chair Espero and Vice Chair Baker and Committee Members,

I write this letter in strong support of the confirmation of Annelle Amaral to the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

I have personally known Annelle Amaral for several years in various capacities. As you know Annelle brings with her experience as a community leader, former policewoman, former legislator and former director of a non-profit organization. The combination of her professional and voluntary experience and community leadership combined with her knowledge of Hawaiian culture and history and obvious empathetic sensitivity as a Native Hawaiian female working in non-traditional roles provides a unique lens needed to help evaluate parolees and to assess realistic rehabilitation paths.

I strongly support Annelle Amaral remaining as a valuable member of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Mahalo,

Pohai Ryan
Former member of the
State Senate Committee on
Public Safety and Government Operations

TO: Senator Will Espero, Chair Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FR: Joyce K. Matsumori-Hoshijo
Hawai`i Paroling Authority, Member

RE: GM 801—Testimony in Support of the Nomination of Annelle Amaral to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority
Hearing date and time: Thursday, April 16, 2015 @ 1:15 p.m.

Dear Senator Espero, Senator Baker, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strongest support for the nomination of Annelle Amaral to the Hawai`i Paroling Authority (HPA) for a four-year term.

I have served on the HPA since May of 2011. For the past two years, I have had the good fortune of working with Annelle every week during our HPA hearings. We adjudicate an average of twenty cases per day and each case requires adequate preparation time and discussion during the hearings process. I have always found Annelle's presentation and input to be thoughtful and well-reasoned. Annelle is fair-minded and emphasizes collaborative effort.

Annelle brings a wealth of experience from her years as a law enforcement officer, legislator, and community advocate and leader. As a Native Hawaiian who is very active in community work, Annelle has culturally enriched and educated our board and staff, and offered understanding and insight to the inmates who appeared before her.

Annelle is truly a pleasure to work with. She is gracious and respectful and holds herself to the highest ethical standards. I appreciate that she is also very forthright and honest in stating her position and yet, is always willing to work toward consensus. Annelle is a valuable asset to the effective work of the HPA.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Joyce K. Matsumori-Hoshijo

Senator Will Espero Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229 Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of GM 707 - Confirmation of Anderson Hee for Corrections Population Management Commission

Dear Senator Espero,

I support the confirmation of Anderson Hee to the position of Member for the Corrections Population Management Commission. I have known Anderson for 30 years when I was a deputy prosecuting attorney, and when I practiced law with the law firm of CLAY CHAPMAN IWAMURA PULICE & NERVELL. I represented Anderson's security company Star Protection on various legal matters.

I became friends with Anderson when he was a homicide detective with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). We worked on many cases while he was a detective and a lieutenant with HPD. Anderson's many years of law enforcement experience gives him great insight to serve in this position because he understands how the system works. He will make an excellent member because he is honest, trustworthy, fair, and compassionate. His moral courage is unquestioned and his integrity is impeccable.

I am confident that if Anderson Hee is chosen, he will make an excellent Member of the Commission.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment on his confirmation.

Very truly yours,

Franklin Don Pacarro, Jr.

Hawaii State Legislature Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Testimony in Support of Annelle Amaral GM 801

I have known and worked with Annelle Amaral for over 10 years and have found her to be one of the fairest and most intelligent people I know. She has been exceptional in dealing with and meeting with members of the community. I think she would make excellent and fair Parole Board Member.

Yours truly, Stephen E. Joseph Makakilo Resident



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April 15, 2015

Senator Will Espero, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Hawaii State Capitol, Room 206 Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Testimony in Favor of Annelle Amaral

Dear Chair Espero & Vice Chair Baker,

Please confirm Annelle Amaral as a board member for the Hawaii Paroling Authority. Her background and experience will serve well to address the thoughtful decisions necessary to carry out the duties required of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Sincerely,

Albert Shigemura

President

GM801

April 12, 2015

To: The Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

From: Annelle C. Amaral, Nominee for Hawaii Paroling Authority

Re: Governor's Message 801 and response to request for a written statement

Aloha Chairman Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety. Mahalo for your consideration of my nomination by Governor Ige to the position on the Parole Board. I was appointed in November of 2012 to complete a term for a vacant seat. I have served for two years and five months. This letter is being submitted in response to your four questions.

First, my reasons for applying for a continuation of my service on the Hawaii Parole Board is, in part, because of the present composition of the Parole Board members. We each bring a unique set of skills, with a background in the criminal justice system, and we balance out one another. We respect one another, we all feel a profound sense of duty to our task as parole board members, and we have developed a synergy using the totality of skills of our members to assure a balanced, fair decision. I feel a sense of responsibility to the team that is presently seated and to the process that we have developed together. In addition, as the only Native Hawaiian on the board, I think that I have a kuleana to be there, to act as witness and decision maker and later, as a change agent in my community. And finally, regardless of how difficult this work is...and it is difficult, I want to continue to serve the people of Hawai'i and assure their safety with each decisions we make, I want to also assure justice for the victims of crime, and I need to be assured that our prisoners demonstrate responsibilty, rehabilitation, and remorse....before we release them into our community. And to do this...I must be present.

Second, with regard to my qualifications, first, I believe you have my resume and therefore know my background. Having served for at least two years, I have found that my background as a police officer has given me the ability to distance myself from the emotionalism of abhorrent crime and apply, instead, the cold, calculating analysis necessary to make just decisions. As a professional facilitator, I have the skill of listening without judgment and respond to what is immediately before me and make a decision and when the next inmate arrives, to erase the previous memory and be fully present again. As a Native Hawaiian I am deeply aware that the majority of the people in prison are Native Hawaiian. I watch the eyes of the prisoner as he or she arrives and see the recognition....and connection....perhaps they see me as their grandmother, or sister, their aunt or mother....but there is a connection and by establishing that connection, we now acknowledge that we have a responsibility to our ancestors....to do better....And as a former member of the House of Representatives and Vice Chair of Judiciary Committee, I have the skill

of sitting through long, tedious hearings and a profound sense of duty to serve the people of Hawaii to the best of my ability.

Third, what I hope to accomplish in the next four years if confirmed, is to reach out to Hawaiian organizations and seek their assistance in responding to some of the conditions that lead to criminality. I have heard stories of child abuse and neglect....of parents who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol, of children who basically had to raise themselves in poverty, squalid conditions, physical and sexual violence who then moved on to a life of crime. This must end. I will advocate more coordination between our agencies such as QLCC, Alu Like, DHHL. I would like to advocate for more targeted money for education with KSBE, since so many of our Native Hawaiian prisoners do not have a high school diploma....and work with other Hawaiian agencies, the Civic Clubs, and others to understand the issues and needs of our community.

In addition, I think the Parole Board, the Dept. of Public Safety, the Judiciary and the Legislature should discuss sentencing, probation, and prison programs to assess effectiveness and impact. There should be a way for the Parole Board to communicate the patterns we are seeing and its impact and to use this information to provide better service to prison, prisoners, and the general public.

I will continue to advocate for alternative programs for incarcerated individuals who are mentally incompetent and vulnerable.

And I want to acknowledge the amazing programs at the Women's facility, with the Prison Monologues ...I have seen a greater sense of awareness among the women, a willingness to take responsibility for their actions, and a greater ability to communicate their thoughts and reason thru the options available. It would be wonderful for a comparable program for the men, who still minimize their conduct, put off responsibility on others, and who seem to have limited self-awareness.

And finally, with respect to conflict of interest, the one conflict that arises for me is that I may have a prisoner before me that I arrested. In that case, I recuse myself and leave the hearing room until the case is completed...leaving two members to make the decision. This situation has arisen on two occasions. It may one day occur that I know either the prisoner or the victim and/or the family of the victim, in which case, I would again recuse myself and leave the hearing.

I appreciate your consideration of my nomination and I hope that you will agree to confirm me. I remain available to answer any additional questions you may have for me and thank you all for your continued service to the people of Hawai'i. Mahalo nui loa.