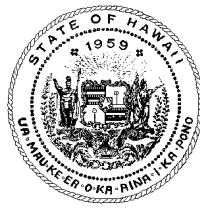


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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 792
RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII
PAROLING AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE MILTON KOTSUBO.

By: Max N. Otani, Director

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

April 6, 2021: 1:05pm
Hawaii State Capitol; Via Videoconference

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair English, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety strongly supports the candidacy of Milton Kotsubo to be a member of the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA). Mr. Kotsubo's work experience of more than 40 years with Hawaii's offender population is a strong asset to the role he would play on the Paroling Authority. While employed with PSD, he held various positions, ranging from direct case management with prisoners to divisional administrator in Intake Services.

Mr. Kotsubo earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, which, coupled with his extensive work experience, gives him a solid educational foundation and broad experience that make him ideal to serve on the HPA.

Knowing Mr. Kotsubo personally for over 20 years, I would not hesitate to say that he will make decisions that are fair and in the best interests of both the public's safety and the inmate. Mr. Kotsubo would bring knowledge and integrity to the position, making him an excellent candidate for the Parole Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Mr. Kotsubo's nomination to the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 792

by
Edmund "Fred" Hyun, Chair
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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.
Video Conference

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair English and Committee Members:

As Chair, and on behalf of the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA), I am in Strong Support of Governor Ige's nomination for Mr. Milton Kotsubo to serve as a board member of the HPA.

Based on Mr. Kotsubo's lifelong commitment, his vast and diverse career and professional experiences, he will provide valuable insights in the Board's decision-making for its numerous hearings. He is well versed in Hawaii's criminal justice system from arrest, to adjudication, sentencing, incarceration and release/discharge. He is also well aware of program and resource challenges faced by the Department of Public Safety (PSD), Paroling Authority, Judiciary and the Community.

Mr. Kotsubo was a sitting member on the Inter-Agency Council on Intermediate Sanctions (ICIS) that addressed recidivism and future victimization by adult offenders. The Council was composed by representatives of the Department of Health, Public Safety, Attorney General and the Judiciary. Also, noteworthy is his work with the female offender population at the Women's Community Correctional Center addressing their specific challenges and programing needs.

In closing, Mr. Kotsubo's professionalism, ethical demeanor, and character make him a valued choice to sit on the HPA Board.

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to testify before your Committee and consideration for this nominee. I am available for any questions by Committee Members.

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Submitted on: 4/1/2021 9:12:41 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/6/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Mello	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support the appointment of Milton Kotsubo to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority. Parole Board. Mr. Kotsubo has extensive experience having worked for 30 plus years in the field of Corrections. Throughout his tenure he has worked in every aspect of Corrections from pre-trial to parole/transition to the community. He has worked with males and female populations with the understanding of the needs, resources and hurdles that they will encounter when granted parole. He also understands that victims matter as well and will ensure that any and all inmates being considered for parole will have met all of the recommended programs, requirements placed on them and that they have reformed. Mr. Kotsubo is very familiar with the Hawai'i Revised Statutes and the Paroling Authority rules and guidelines. He is a member who can begin immediately and be very effective. I fully endorse Mr. Kotsubo

I have known Milton for over 13 years at the Department of Public Safety. During this time, I have seen nothing but professionalism, intelligence, integrity, compassion, and hard work from Mr. Kotsubo. As a member of the Parole Board, with his range of work history coupled with his character, he would contribute a perspective that I feel is important when weighing in on decisions about inmates. Please support the confirmation of Mr. Kotsubo. Thank you.

GM-792

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 9:16:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 4/6/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have known Mr. Milton Kotsubo for approximately 13 years. Milton has been a coworker, supervisor and mentor to me in my work with the Department of Public Safety. He has a diverse social work background and in depth knowledge of the public safety and judiciary system. It is for these reasons in addition to his continuous display of professionalism, integrity and fairness, that I believe Mr. Kotsubo would be an asset to the Hawaii Paroling Authority Board. Please support the confirmation of Mr. Milton Kotsubo to the Hawaii Paroling Authority Board.

Mahalo for your consideration.



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 792

by
Andrew Morgan, Acting Administrator
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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.
Video Conference

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair English and Members of the Committee:

As the Acting Paroles and Pardons Administrator of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, I am providing testimony in full support of the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Milton Kotsubo to serve as a board member with the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

I have had the privilege of working alongside Mr. Kotsubo since 1992, and we have developed a good working relationship over the years. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Department as a former Case Manager, Unit Manager, Intake Service Center Administrator, and Warden at the Women's Community Correctional Center. The Hawaii Paroling Authority will benefit tremendously from his past experiences within the Department of Public Safety.

The experience that Mr. Kotsubo brings to the Parole Board is unmeasurable. His integrity, dedication, and perspective in the criminal justice field will assist the Parole Board in making sound and fair decisions. I look forward to working with him once again.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for the confirmation of Mr. Kotsubo as a Board member with the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 8:36:45 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/6/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erendira Aldana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Milton Kotsubo joining to the Hawaii Paroling Authority. Milton will offer value invaluable insight in serving in this role. I met Milton as a doctoral candidate at the University of Hawaii and found his mentorship, guidance, and support throughout my studies to be thoughtful, challenging, and of unparalleled insight given the institutional knowledge his career has afforded him. His approach, wealth of knowledge and genuine curiosity have made any and all interactions with him some of the most valuable I ever experienced during my 8 year tenure at UH Manoa.

Not only does he have the credentials to serve in this role but he also has the ability to offer nuanced insight that he has developed over a long career. Many families and the community at large will benefit from him serving in this role.

Mahalo,

Dr. Erendira Neri Aldana