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The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
The Honorable Robert Bunda, Vice Chair
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Bill No. and Title: Governor's Message No. 301, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, Gubernatorial Nominee, JANICE YAMADA, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Purpose: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, Gubernatorial Nominee, Janice Yamada, for a term to expire on 6/30/2013.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Janice Yamada for a three-year term as the Compact Administrator for the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision. She has the experience, knowledge, and skills to represent Hawaii in matters of interstate adult offender supervision. She has attended Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision annual business meetings where she has received training on compact rules and regulations and the responsibilities of a compact administrator. She has also had an opportunity to meet and network with other State commissioners and their staff.



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Ms. Yamada is currently the Probation Administrator for the Adult Client Services Branch, First Circuit and has served as Hawaii's interim Compact Administrator for the past three years. She has been actively engaged in the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision and was involved in the enactment of legislation in 2008 to expand the State Council to include the Prosecuting Attorney, Attorney General and the State Public Defender so that they are aware of the interstate process regarding the transfer and supervision of offenders from Hawaii to the mainland.

The Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision was enacted on June 19, 2002 and currently all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are members. It provides the day-to-day oversight of the compact between states. Besides promulgating rules to achieve the goals of the Compact, the Commission ensures an opportunity for input and timely notice to victims; provides access to information to heads of state councils, state executive, judicial and legislative branches and criminal justice administrators; and monitors and enforces compliance with the rules governing appointment of the Interstate Commission members such as Ms. Yamada. It also establishes a state-level council, known as the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, with representation from all branches of government and victim groups to heighten awareness of the Compact's activities.

With administrative responsibilities for Hawaii's State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, the Judiciary has supported training for judges, probation, parole and other criminal justice agencies on the compact. In 2009, the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision National office launched the "Interstate Commission Offender Tracking System" to track the location of all offenders under the compact and staff were trained in this new system. Under Ms. Yamada's leadership and management, Hawaii is fulfilling its responsibilities to promote public safety, protect the rights of victims, control movement of offenders, provide for effective tracking of offenders, and engage in the supervision and rehabilitation of offenders.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this measure.