

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3803

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2018

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 725

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 725, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS APPEALS BOARD

G.M. No. 725      MELANIE MATSUI,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2028,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Melanie Matsui for service on the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Melanie Matsui from the Executive Officer of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers; Leong Kunihiro Benton & Brooke; Chong, Nishimoto, Sia, Nakamura & Goya; Oshima, Itomura & Fujimoto; and twenty-two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Matsui's legal experience in labor, background, and knowledge qualify her for reappointment to the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board. Ms. Matsui earned Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Science degrees from Willamette University. She has been a Board Member of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board since September of 2008. Ms. Matsui is a former Associate of Matsui Chung Sumida & Tsuchiyama; Kessner Duca Umebayashi Bain



& Matsunaga; and Leroy T. Kuwasaki, Jr., AAL, ALC; where at each firm she represented employers in workers' compensation cases before the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Disability Compensation Division and Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board. Ms. Matsui is active in the Haleiwa Jodo Mission and Haleiwa Jodo Mission Young Buddhist Association, and has previously served as a member of the Board of the Friends of the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii. Ms. Matsui is highly esteemed as a hard-working and extremely capable attorney whose expertise, intelligence, and energy will continue to be valuable assets to the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board.

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

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor,



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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
 Committee on Labor  
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 Advise and Consent**

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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345</span>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				✓
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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