



Sherri-Ann L. Iha received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law. Ms. Iha has worked with the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney from 1992 until the present, being promoted to increasingly challenging positions. According to testimony submitted on her behalf, Ms. Iha has been a valued part of the Department, successfully handling a variety of cases and gaining extensive trial and legal experience in district and circuit court. Cases handled by Ms. Iha have included murder, assault, robbery, and burglary cases. For the past three years, Ms. Iha has served as the Misdemeanor Jury Demand supervisor, which requires her to mentor and oversee deputy prosecutors who are learning to try cases before a jury.

Ms. Iha has also been extensively involved in community activities, including serving on the 'Iolani Alumni Association Board of Directors, serving as an ex-officio member of the 'Iolani School Board of Governors for the past two years, on various capacities with the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce, and assisting other organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Special Olympics, and the Kaelepulu Elementary School Parent Teacher Student Association.

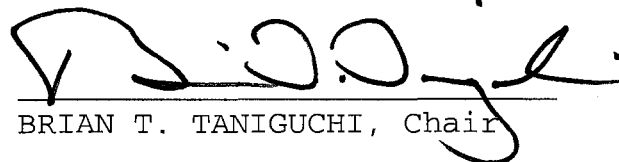
Testimony in support of Ms. Iha's appointment indicates that she is highly qualified to serve as a District Court judge. She has a universal reputation as intelligent, thorough, professional, dedicated, and skilled. Her decisions are well-analyzed and well-researched, and she is always prepared. Testifiers related that she has an even and reasonable temperament, and that she remains calm and cheerful even when inundated with her caseload. Your Committee received testimony praising her integrity and fairness. As a supervisor, she is respectful and is a role model within the Department. Additionally, testimony indicates that Ms. Iha values the judicial process and is dedicated to maintaining the integrity of the judicial system.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on her behalf, Sherri-Ann L. Iha has the experience, temperament, judiciousness, and other competencies to be a District Court judge, and has a good sense of where the equities, rights, and responsibilities lie in a case, which is essential for a District Court judge.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations 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.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Government Operations,

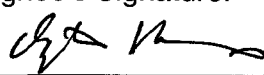
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BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations**  
**JGO**  
**Consent**

Gov. Msg./Jud. Comm. No.:* <b>JC No. 1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JGO</b>	Date: <b>8/5/10</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
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