Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
First Special Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii  

Sir:  

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 32, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

LANGUAGE ACCESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

G.M. No. 32 CARI UESUGI,
for a term to expire 06-30-2020,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Cari Uesugi to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Language Access Advisory Council.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Cari Uesugi from the Office of Language Access and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Uesugi's background, knowledge, and prior experience on the Language Access Advisory Council qualify her to be nominated for appointment to the council as the representative from the state government. Your Committee notes that Ms. Uesugi has more than thirty years of experience working as a social worker in diverse communities and as a patient advocate in the medical field and is currently the Program Specialist at the Hawaii State Judiciary's Intergovernmental and Community Relations Department in the Office on Equality and Access to the Courts. Ms. Uesugi previously worked as a Patient Relations Advocate for Maui Memorial Medical
Center, where she helped implement the Center's Title IV and Language Access Plan, and The Queen's Medical Center. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Uesugi served on the Language Access Advisory Council as a representative from the County of Maui from April 2016 until May 2017, until her relocation to Oahu, and is committed to advocating for Limited English Proficient individuals. Your Committee therefore recommends that Ms. Uesugi be appointed to the vacant state government seat for the Language Access Advisory Council because of her experience, background, and commitment to serving the community.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health 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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

ROSAFY H. BAKER, Chair
The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai‘i  

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The Committee is reconsidering its decision

The Recommendation is:
- [x] Advise and Consent  
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Recommendation:  
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Chair’s or Designee’s Signature:

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