STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 3 0 2007

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 495

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 495, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

## COMMISSION TO PROMOTE UNIFORM LEGISLATION

G.M. No. 495 KEN HIDESHI TAKAYAMA, for a term to expire 6-30-2011,

begs leave to report as follows:

Upon review of the application, resume, and letter of the nominee, and testimony, your Committee finds Ken H. Takayama eminently qualified for reappointment to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, on which he has served since 1995.

Ken H. Takayama received a J.D. degree from the University of California School of Law (Boalt Hall), and an A.B. in Political Science from Occidental College where he graduated Cum Laude and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Takayama joined the State of Hawaii Legislative Reference Bureau as a staff attorney in 1979, became Assistant Director for Research in 1986, and since 2003 has served as its Acting Director. Mr. Takayama's numerous publications include the Hawaii Legislative Drafting Manual,  $8^{\rm th}$  and  $9^{\rm th}$  Editions, and the Hawaii Administrative Rules Drafting Manual,  $1^{\rm st}$  and  $2^{\rm nd}$  Editions.

In addition to his duties at the Legislative Reference Bureau, Mr. Takayama has also served as Staff Judge Advocate for the State Headquarters of the Hawaii Army National Guard, most

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recently holding the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

All of the commissioners on the Commission on Uniform State Laws also serve as commissioners to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), an entity dedicated to developing proposed legislation on subjects inappropriate for Congressional action, but for which uniformity among states is desirable. Reappointment to the Commission on Uniform State Laws will enable Mr. Takayama to continue his important contributions to the NCCUSL, including his ongoing participation in the Drafting Committee for the proposed Uniform Misuse of Genetic Information in Insurance and Employment Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nominee from the Attorney General and from four attorneys who also serve on the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation. The testimony describes him as a conscientious, dedicated, skilled, intelligent, attorney with a tremendous amount of experience in the preparation and review of legislation.

Based on the nominee's qualifications and experience, your Committee finds that Mr. Takayama possesses the attributes necessary to serve on the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and 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 Judiciary and Labor,

CHAYTON HEE, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor JDL (Advise and Consent)

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The Committee is reconsidering its decision.					
The Recommendation is to:					
Advise and Consent (2340)	Not Advise and Consent (2345)				
Members	·	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
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