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March 16, 2015

LATE TESTIMONY

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

From: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

Subject: **GM 518 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, COLONEL KENNETH HARA, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.**

Hearing: 1:15 PM, Tuesday, March 17, 2015  
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

I am writing **in strong support** of the confirmation of Colonel Kenneth Hara as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense. Although I only recently met Ken, I can attest to his thoughtful intelligence, sincerity, honesty, varied experience, good nature, and commitment to serving Hawaii. This includes our islands' safety, especially in times of emergency and natural disaster.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides empowering programs, services, and benefits to those in our community who are vulnerable with the goals of expanding their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life, and personal dignity. The well-being of our children, families, and *kupuna* is directly connected to the social determinants of health: education, transportation, access to healthcare, housing, job opportunities, environment, and safety. In other words, our communities' safety directly impacts our own health. The efforts of the Department of Defense are connected to our work at DHS, and we are invested in its success. I hope to work with Ken as its Deputy Adjutant General and continue to collaborate across departments.

Thank you for your serious consideration of Colonel Kenneth Hara's confirmation as Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

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Governor's Message 518

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Nominee, Colonel Kenneth Hara for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

I am here to testify in support of Deputy Adjutant General for  
consideration and confirmation as Deputy Adjutant General of the  
Department of Defense .

I believe that Colonel Hara will make a great Deputy Adjutant  
General to the Department of Defense.

I ask for your consideration and confirmation of Colonel Kenneth  
Hara as the The Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of  
Defense.



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