

GM 630

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services,
Gubernatorial Nominee: JAMES TRAXLER,
for a term to expire 6-30-2018

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 630
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS' SERVICES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES TRAXLER,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY
BRIGADIER GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
April 16, 2015

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

I am Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA). I am providing written testimony in **support** of Governor's Message 630, which considers and confirms James Traxler to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

James Traxler is a decorated Army lieutenant colonel who retired after 20 years' service in 1981. After retiring, he served as the Public Works Director in Santa Fe, New Mexico and later ran a sole proprietorship business.

He is a member and served in leadership positions in several veteran's organizations including: Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Locally, he served on the Mayor's Veterans Advisory Committee, and is a member of the Big Island Retired Military Association.

James Traxler's military and volunteer background makes him a worthy gubernatorial nominee to be the West Hawaii representative on the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **support** of Governor Message 630.

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MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN
DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

APRIL 16, 2015

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Committee members:

I'm Ron Han, Director for the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). The OVS strongly supports the GM 630 confirmation of James Traxler to be appointed to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

James is a highly decorated, retired Lt Colonel with 20 years of distinguished service with the United States Army and served as an Engineer with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Very involved in the community helping Veterans and their families, he is a member of the Mayor's Veteran's Advisory Committee for the island of Hawaii, is the past president of the Big Isle Retired Military Association, past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12122, and an active member of the West Hawaii Veterans Council.

A strong advocate for helping Veterans, James leads by example. He is very well respected in his community and is deserved of this nomination to the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of James Traxler's confirmation and consideration.



Headquarters: Department of State of Hawaii
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April 10, 2015

**Testimony in Support of G.M. 630
Nominating JAMES H. TRAXLER to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services Before the
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hearing On Tuesday, April 16, 2015, 1:15 P.M.
In Conference Room 229**

Sen. Espero, Sen. Baker and Committee Members,

The Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) represents 3,800 members in 20 Posts located throughout the State of Hawaii. VFW is a federally chartered national association of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have served the United States of America in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters.

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VFW Hawaii fully supports Governor David Ige's nomination of JAMES H. TRAXLER to serve as veteran member representing West Hawaii County on the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. LTC JAMES H. TRAXLER, USA-Ret, is current commander of the Christopher Camero Memorial VFW Post 12122 located at 5562 Makala Blvd, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

VFW Hawaii members would welcome your committee's careful consideration and early confirmation of LTC Traxler as one of five veteran members on this seven-person Advisory Board to advise the Director, State of Hawaii Office of Veterans Services on veterans' issues, legislative proposals and program operations.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of G.M. 630.

Lawrence M.G. Enomoto

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VFW Hawaii State Legislative Liaison



VISITOR ALOHA SOCIETY OF HAWAII

April 15, 2015

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Crime Victim Compensation Commission nomination # GM 637

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee:

It is with a great deal of respect that I write this letter of support for Mari McCaig for her confirmation to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission. I have known Mari for a number of years in her capacity of the Director of the Visitor Assistance Program with the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the City and County of Honolulu.

Ms. McCaig is an expert in the field of dealing with victims. She has handled hundreds of cases involving victims and is a true professional. Her job is not an easy one, yet she is always calm in the face of crisis and composed when it comes to highly charged emotional situations.

Ms. McCaig is one of the most exceptional people that I know. When it comes to tragic situations, I have seen her first hand assist victims in situations where others may walk away. She is intelligent, kind, strong, compassionate, and is a knowledgeable resource with how to handle difficult situations.

Ms. McCaig would be a tremendous asset to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission, and it is with pride that I support her nomination. Thank you for your courtesy and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Lani Rich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Lani Rich
President & CEO
Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii

From: daleross@hawaiiintel.net [mailto:daleross@hawaiiintel.net]

Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2015 6:58 AM

To: PSMTestimony

Subject: Nomination of James Traxler - GM630

Ladies and Gentleman,

I would like to offer my support to James (Jim)Traxler in his nomination to the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs. Jim has been the Commander of VFW Post 12122 here in Kona for the past two years (2014-2015). During that time I have had occasion to observe his approach to getting various tasks completed. During the movement of our post from one physical location to another. I was able to see Jim's determination and leadership in effecting the transition.

I firmly believe that Jim will see any task to completion with honesty, integrity, and zeal. I have no reservations about fully supporting Jim in any effort he may wish to attempt.

Regards, Dale Ross, Commandant Marine Corps League Camp Tarawa Detachment #1255, Kona, Hawaii

P.O. Box 1170
Kamuela, HI 96743
April 9, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero
Chairman
Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations and Military Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: PSM Testimony 04-16-15 GM 630

Dear Chairman Espero and members of the committee:

It is a privilege to recommend Governor nominee Mr. James Traxler in support of confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

Mr Traxler presently serves as Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Kona Chapter and has served also in different capacities with other Veteran groups. In his association with the various veteran groups and veteran members he has earned a high degree of respect and trust. His performance and personal rapport, his keen interest in veterans' issues and ability to define and discuss them and offer solutions makes him an extremely creditable representative on the Board.

My service on the Board for my appointed term limits, provides me insight into Board obligations, matters and issues, and recommending policy guidance to the Director of Veterans' Services. I strongly believe Mr. Traxler has similar discernment and accordingly I highly recommend him for confirmation to the Board.

Mahalo.

Sincerely,



Herbert C. Lum

CM 630

From: earlstrick@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 1:08 PM
To: PSMTestimony
Subject: Testimony for JAMES TRAXLER

Honorable Committee members:

I would highly recommend that James Traxler be appointed.
He has worked very hard here on the Big Island with several veterans' organization.
He served as Vice president and CFO for the West Hawaii Veterans Council, Inc.
I find he has great leadership qualities. He contributes excellent ideas, and is also very good at finding solutions for difficult issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E Strickland
President
West Hawaii Veterans Council, Inc.

GM630

TO:

Senator Will Espero

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

April 9, 2015

Ref: Nomination of James Traxler to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

As requested, I am providing answers to the following questions:

1.) Why do you wish to be a member of the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services?

As a member of this Board, I can have impact on Veterans' issues and thus improve responses to Veterans' needs at the State level. I am presently active in dealing with Veterans' issues at the County level. More specifically, I am presently the Commander of the Kona Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Secretary of the Big Island Retired Military Association (Past President), Chief Financial Officer for the West Hawaii Veterans Council, and a member of the American Legion and the West Hawaii Cemetery Expansion and Development Association. I feel my involvement in these organizations and my interaction with the people in these groups will help me provide valuable contributions and provide credible representation for West Hawaii County.

2.) Given your understanding of the role of a member of the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, why do you believe you are qualified for this position?

I feel that my 20 years of active duty service and the fact that I have stayed informed, knowledgeable, and involved in addressing Veterans' issues will make me an asset to this Board.

3.) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

3.)

I hope I can have impact to improve Veteran services response time and help improve some of the Veterans' programs. I feel I can also provide meaningful input to Legislative proposals.

4.) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services? How would you overcome any possible conflict?

I can't foresee any possible conflicts of interest. However, I do believe that I must always be diligent to avoid even the perception of conflict of interest.

James Traxler
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