

GM 763

Testimony –

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Gubernatorial Nominee, JANE CLEMENT, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

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OF
DOUGLAS MURDOCK, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS
ON
APRIL 16, 2015

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 763

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE
FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JANE CLEMENT

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on G.M. 763. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the confirmation of Ms. Jane Clement to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA).

Section 9-2(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that SFCA have one member from the island of Hawaii. Ms. Clement is a resident of the island of Hawaii and has been involved with a number of organizations there including being the founder of the Annual Philippine Cultural Festival. Ms. Clement's appointment fulfills the statutory requirement for representation from the island of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.



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JANE CLEMENT

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, I am Jonathan Johnson,
executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and I am
pleased to testify in support of the nomination of Jane Clement to our Commission.

Ms. Clement represents the Island of Hawai'i, is a resident and business
owner in Kailua-Kona, and proactive in her community. Her voluntary activities
reflect a caring, compassionate and intelligent individual who has implemented the
building of two 20-home villages in the Philippines for earthquake and typhoon
victims, classrooms in Cebu, and raising thousands of dollars for Hawai'i homeless
persons and scholarships for local college-bound young men and women.

Ms. Clement is also active in her role as outreach coordinator for the
Philippine Consulate in Hawai'i as well as a columnist for the Fil-Am Courier.

The SFCA welcomes her professional expertise as a business owner,
educator, participant in Hawai'i County politics, and diplomat. We are confident in
Ms. Clement's ability to make a positive contribution in support of our agency's
mission to promote, perpetuate, preserve and encourage culture and the arts for
the people of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Clement's
nomination.



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**TESTIMONY OF
BARBARA SAROMINES-GANNE
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APRIL 16, 2015**

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JANE CLEMENT**

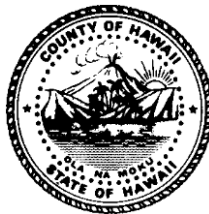
Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, I am Barbara Saromines-Ganne, current chairperson of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), and I am testifying as an individual in support of the nomination of Jane Clement to the SFCA Commission.

Ms. Clement, serving the people of Hawai'i Island, joined our Commission several months ago. She is as dynamic in her community as she is a gracious presence on our Board. Ms. Clement is committed to improving the quality of life for persons in need, having directed efforts that have resulted in the building of two 20-home villages in the Philippines for earthquake and typhoon victims as well as school classrooms in Cebu. As a resident of Kailua-Kona, Ms. Clement has raised thousands of dollars for homeless persons and made possible multiple college scholarships for deserving local students.

She serves as an outreach coordinator for the Philippine Consulate in Hawaii and is a columnist for the Fil-Am Courier. We respect her professional expertise as a business owner, educator, and diplomat and the aloha she exudes in representing the Island of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Clement's nomination.

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April 14, 2015

TO: The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts

FROM: Dru Mamo Kanuha, Council Chair

SUBJECT: **GM763 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Gubernatorial Nominee, JANE CLEMENT, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.**

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Ms. Jane Clement's consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Upon taking office in 2012, one of my first and most critical decisions was to determine who to trust as my Legislative Assistant. Though new to the Council, I understood the importance of having a person in my office that is competent, enthusiastic, and diligent. I needed to appoint someone that would represent my values and dedication to the community.

Jane Clement has been my Legislative Assistant since day one. I believe that I have had several significant accomplishments, including legislation to reduce the use of tobacco and electronic cigarettes, particularly use by minors. Ms. Clement was instrumental to ensuring that bills to create these laws were drafted with the utmost care and consideration. Ms. Clement coordinated these vast legislative projects; she was the driving force behind collaborative efforts that I was extremely proud to be a part of.

Ms. Clement's qualities include strong writing skills, the ability to digest, analyze, and comprehend new and evolving information, and excellent communication in all forms of media. She brings a positive approach to every challenge and enjoys finding solutions to difficult issues.

Though I understand that her participation will require her time and energy, I support the Foundation's efforts and appreciate that Ms. Clement's abilities, knowledge, general aptitude will expand because of that participation. I believe that the people I represent will benefit from this new experience.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debbie Baker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jane Clement is an excellent choice to represent West Hawaii's interests in culture and the arts. I wholeheartedly support her nomination to the commission. Mahalo.

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From: [Angelito Ilagan](#)
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Subject: GM-763 Nomination to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in reference to GM-763 Nomination to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts of Ms. Jane Clement. I have known Ms. Clement for over eight (8) years as she has been actively involved in many community activities for the Kona Visayan Club (KVC) here in Kona. Her leadership qualities are well recognized by the members of KVC as she has been President of the club for many years. Her success in leading KVC resulted in her being elected as President of the Congress of Visayan Organizations (COVO).

KVC and COVO are organizations that support charitable causes and promote cultural activities for Filipinos in the state. Ms. Clement was responsible for introducing “Paskong Pinoy” , a cultural presentation during the Christmas holiday here in Kona. She also brought to Kona the “Filipiniana” exhibits of Iris Gil Villacrusis, a local designer highlighting costumes and artifacts from different parts of the Philippines. For a church fund-raising event, she invited a well known Filipina artist, Sheryn Regis, to perform to the Kona crowd. These are just some of the initiatives of Ms. Clement to promote the Philippine culture and arts to our community.

I believe Ms. Clement is very much qualified for the position she is being nominated for. She is well educated and brings a set of good leadership qualities; among them is having a vision of what she wants the group she is leading to accomplish. She is a good listener and demonstrates flexibility in dealing with difficult people and situations. She is a good team player and always pursues the common good when making decisions.

I have no hesitation in endorsing her nomination to the SFCA.

Sincerely,
Lito Ilagan