

GM 885

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Compact Administrator for Interstate Audit Offender
Supervision, Gubernatorial Nominee, SIDNEY H.
NAKAMOTO for a term to expire 12-03-2018.



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**
The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

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Bill No. and Title: Governor's Message No. 885, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Compact Administrator for Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision for a term to expire 12-03-2018.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary **strongly supports** the confirmation of Mr. Sidney Nakamoto for a three-year term as the Compact Administrator for the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision. Mr. Nakamoto is currently the Social Services Manager for the Adult Client Services Branch of the First Circuit. The Adult Client Services Branch provides probation and probation-related services for the District, Family and Circuit Courts. In addition, Mr. Nakamoto



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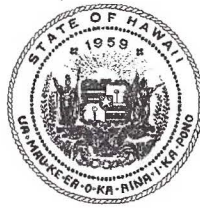
has served as the Deputy Compact Administrator for the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision since 2002 and currently serves as Hawai'i's Interim Compact Administrator. With his experience in this area, Mr. Nakamoto has the knowledge and skills to represent Hawai'i in matters of interstate adult offender supervision.

The Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision was enacted on June 19, 2002, and currently all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are members. It provides the day-to-day oversight of the compact between states. Besides promulgating rules to achieve the goals of the Compact, the Commission ensures an opportunity for input and timely notice to victims; provides access to information to heads of state councils, state executive, judicial and legislative branches and criminal justice administrators; and monitors and enforces compliance with the rules governing appointment of the Interstate Commission members such as Mr. Nakamoto. It also establishes a state-level council, known as the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, with representation from all branches of government and victim groups to heighten awareness of the Compact's activities.

With administrative responsibilities for Hawaii's State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, the Judiciary has supported training for judges, probation, parole and other criminal justice agencies on the Compact. Under Mr. Nakamoto's leadership and management, Hawaii will continue to fulfill its responsibilities to promote public safety, protect the rights of victims, control movement of offenders, provide for effective tracking of offenders, and engage in the supervision and rehabilitation of offenders.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 885
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERSTATE ADULT OFFENDER
SUPERVISION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SIDNEY H. NAKAMOTO

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Senator Will Espero, Chair
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Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Gubernatorial Nominee Sidney H. Nakamoto for consideration and confirmation as the Compact Administrator for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

Mr. Nakamoto has more than three decades of experience working with the probation offender population. Starting his career as a probation officer, he moved up the ranks and is currently responsible for all adult probation operations in the First Circuit Court, serving as the Deputy Compact Administrator for Probation since 1999. In addition, Mr. Nakamoto has been involved with the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) since its inception and has served on several commission committees.

Given the complexity of the ICAOS rules, Mr. Nakamoto's years of experience at the local and national levels make him the ideal selection as the compact administrator for the State of Hawaii.

We thank you for the opportunity to testify and ask for your favorable consideration of this nomination.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 885
Consideration and Confirmation of Sidney H. Nakamoto
as Compact Administrator for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision

By Tommy Johnson
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Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

I am providing testimony in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Sidney H. Nakamoto as the Compact Administrator for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision for a term to expire on December 3, 2018.

The Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) works closely with Mr. Nakamoto on all matters regarding Western Interstate Compact issues as they relate to parolees. Since his initial appointment, he consistently displayed integrity, diligence, and a commitment to public safety. Mr. Nakamoto contributes immeasurable experience, mature judgment, and an extremely high degree of procedural knowledge to the Western Interstate Compact rules and processes. His offender supervision experience and well-honed skills are instrumental in the success of the program and continued compliance with the Western Interstate Compact Agreement.

Therefore, I strongly recommend the nomination of this qualified and dedicated public servant. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Nakamoto's nomination and confirmation.



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Sidney H. Nakamoto
PROBATION ADMINISTRATOR

April 17, 2015

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Re: GM 885: Nomination to the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Written statement that addresses the following questions:

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision?

I have been active with the interstate compact since 1999 when it was the old compact known as the Parole and Probation Compact Administrator's Association (PPCAA). In 2002, the new Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) was formed, at which time I was appointed as the Deputy Compact Administrator (probation) for the State of Hawaii. I have also been active with the Hawaii State Council, a past member of the Deputy Compact Administrator's Committee, and have provided training on the rules of the compact within the State of Hawaii. I believe in the interstate compact's mission, to ensure public safety for the 21st century, and would like to continue my work with the Hawaii Interstate Compact Office, as well as the National Office.

2. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position?

I have been active with the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision since 2002 as the Deputy Compact Administrator for Hawaii. I have conducted trainings on the Compact and its rules. I have also been an active member of the Deputy Compact Administrator's Committee assisting with trainings at our annual meetings. I have also been active with our State Council on the Interstate.

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

To bring Hawaii in compliance with the rules of the compact through continued training for our judges, attorneys, and county probation offices. Presently I am planning a training on May 15, 2015 at the Supreme Court for all judges statewide through the assistance of the ICAOS National Office by providing the services of their legal counsel. I plan to hold annual meetings with the Hawaii Interstate State Council. I will continue to meet the standards to the National Office's audits that are conducted randomly.

4. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

None that I can foresee at this time. If there was a possible conflict, I would discuss and request advice on the matter with the legal counsel for the ICAOS. If necessary, I would ask to step aside or to be removed from committees that there may be conflict.