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**TESTIMONY**

GM 821 Submitting for consideration and confirmation  
To the Advisory Board on Veterans Services,  
Gubernatorial Nominee,  
MARY HERTOOG for a term to expire  
6-30-2024

**PRESENTATION TO THE**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**BY**

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

June 30, 2020

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee members:

I'm Ron Han, Director for the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). The OVS **strongly supports** the GM 821 confirmation of Mary Hertog to be appointed to the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

Mary is a distinguished Air Force Senior Officer who retired in the rank of Major General with over 30 dedicated years of service to her Country. She has taken on many leadership roles in the County of Kauai sitting on special task force teams to help improve the plight of Veterans and their loved ones on island. Recently, she was elected to be the Kauai Veterans Council President overseeing Veterans Organizations and providing a unifying and collective approach to working important issues affecting the more than 4,500 Veterans on Kauai.

I have personally worked directly with Mary in supporting a congressional delegation visit by appropriation staffers that assessed future expansion work in the Kauai Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe. As a result of her efforts, federal capital improvement funding has been slated for this important project. Mary's strong reputation and work in helping Veterans is well known!

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

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James H. Traxler	Testifying for State Veterans Advisory Board	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: