

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 29 2023**

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 533

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 533, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

DEPUTY COMPTROLLER, DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

G.M. No. 533      MEOH-LENG SILLIMAN,  
for a term to expire at noon on 12-07-  
2026,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Meoh-Leng Silliman for service as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of Ms. Silliman's nomination and appointment as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services from the Office of the Governor; State Procurement Office; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Taxation; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Defense; Office of Information Practices; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Department of Health; Department of Transportation; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Public Safety; Department of Human Services; Department of Agriculture; Department of Education; Stadium Authority of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Office of Enterprise Technology Services; Campaign Spending Commission; Office of Elections; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Department of Human Resources Development; and thirty individuals.

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Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Silliman's background, experience, and desire to serve the State qualify her to be nominated for appointment as the Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. Your Committee notes that Ms. Silliman began working for the State through the Research Corporation University of Hawaii as a Manager at their Youth Technology Mentoring Program. Since then, Ms. Silliman has worked at the Department of Education, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Budget and Finance, and the Department of Accounting and General Services. Ms. Silliman has proven herself to be an asset for the State through her diligent service record and dedication to the people of Hawaii. Your Committee is convinced that in each new position at a state administrative agency, Ms. Silliman brought energy, creativity, innovation, vision, and the sincere dedication to the long-term best interests of the organization.

Ms. Silliman's extensive experience working for the State provides her with experience in major functional areas in management. Testifiers in support of Ms. Silliman's nomination praise not only her technical knowledge, but also her capacity to be generous with sharing knowledge and mentoring others. At a time when the State is faced with high position vacancy rates, it is imperative that its leaders embrace responsibility for developing the next generation of leaders and cultivate the professional development of the State's workforce. Her record of proven leadership and management skills have prepared her for the unique challenges of the Department of Accounting and General Services. Her diverse background has provided her with the requisite qualifications to serve the State well in the capacity of Deputy Comptroller.

Your Committee therefore recommends that Meoh-Leng Silliman be appointed as Deputy Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services based on her background, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which



nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Government  
Operations,



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



