Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 685, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

COMMISSION TO PROMOTE UNIFORM LEGISLATION

        G.M. No. 685   BLAKE OSHIRO,
                          for a term to expire 06-30-2027.
                          (Board name amended to Commission to
                          Promote Uniform Legislation by GM690),

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Blake Oshiro for service on the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Blake Oshiro from the Department of the Attorney General, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, and five individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Oshiro's background and extensive experience qualify him to be nominated for appointment to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation (Commission). Your Committee notes that Mr. Oshiro has served on the Commission for five years, and during that time the Commission effectively supported and adopted or amended approximately a dozen acts. Your Committee also notes that Mr. Oshiro is a lawyer licensed to practice law in the State,

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having received his Juris Doctor from the William S. Richardson
School of Law in 1996 and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature
from the University of Southern California in 1992. In addition
to his service on the Commission, Mr. Oshiro has extensive
experience with state government and government relations.
Mr. Oshiro currently works as the Senior Advisor to Governor Green
and was previously Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Abercrombie
until 2014, when he returned to the private practice of law. He
then spent two years as the Executive Vice President of a
consulting firm that specializes in government relations,
including political advertising and lobbying. Additionally,
testimony submitted on behalf of the nominee notes that since his
initial appointment in 2019, Mr. Oshiro has attended and actively
participated in the meetings of the Commission, assisting the
Commission in advocating for the passage of uniform laws with
lobbying efforts at the Legislature on bills that have been
identified as priorities by the Commission. Your Committee
therefore recommends that Blake Oshiro be appointed to the
Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation based on his background,
knowledge, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Judiciary 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 Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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☐ The Committee is reconsidering its decision

The Recommendation is:

☑ Advise and Consent
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☐ Not Advise and Consent
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓	✓		
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—

Recommendation:

☑ Adopted   ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

[signature]

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