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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

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Governor's Message No. 619: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Administrator, State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kristin Davidson, for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Kristin Davidson for a term to expire on June 30, 2026 as the Compact Administrator for the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ). Ms. Davidson is currently the Social Services Manager for the Juvenile Client Services Branch of the First Circuit, a position which oversees all juvenile services for the Family Court, First Circuit. Ms. Davidson has the experience, knowledge, skills, and expertise to make decisions as Compact Administrator of the ICJ and has over fourteen years of experience that qualifies her to serve as the Compact Administrator for the State of Hawai'i.



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Ms. Davidson is driven by vision, purpose, and the mission of the Family Court and the ICJ, to ensure the best interests of our juveniles are prioritized and not by personal alliance, agendas or self-interests. She oversees the juvenile detention facility and youth shelter, the juvenile probation and status offender units, the Juvenile Drug Court and Girls Court, as well as the special services unit that handles child abuse and neglect cases, the Zero to Three Court, the Permanency Court and Imua Kakou (a program for young adults exiting foster care). Ms. Davidson has a wealth of experience and knowledge in child welfare and juvenile justice, both as a Case Manager for social service organizations, a Juvenile Probation Officer, and Juvenile Probation Officer Field Supervisor. Ms. Davidson was first appointed as the Compact Administrator of the ICJ for the State of Hawai'i in 2020, and under her leadership and management, Hawai'i has and 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 submit testimony on this nomination

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Merry Mercy	Testifying for Godwits Mercy Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is the testimony on GM619

I support this bill, and I would like to raise some issues that need to be considered and resolved, as follows:

Remember, the purpose of all government systems is to work for people and to protect the good and the right people. We cannot protect the criminals and the scammers. We cannot protect wrong-doing people.

I am a victim, and I am also a witness to all the sins and failures of this government's system. Today, I come here to present all the facts clearly and truthfully so that we can all accept the truth, change and amend the constitution, and move towards a perfect system of government for everyone.

I also started a business and signed business contracts with many people and businesses in the US. They all lied to me to sign the contract and to do business, then took the money and ran away. They did not do it according to what they agreed to do in the contract, or they didn't keep their promises, which is bad for people. From now on, I will not allow those bad things to happen anymore. From now on, all of you will have to follow everything you promised or signed in the contract. If they do not follow the contract, the banks are responsible for refunding the money to the victim. Within 2 years, all transactions through the bank will be refunded if something goes wrong or not, as stated in the contract.

If the person being charged money does not have money in the bank, the bank has the right to calculate interest and collect the debt according to the bank's regulations. The bank can take that person's house, business, and all their assets if that person refuses to pay the bank. We must have such strong measures, and then we can end the criminals and social evils occurring across America.

We must arrest those who cause harm to others and be responsible for compensating for the damage they cause. We cannot allow fraud and theft to continue to occur in our country.

I will also establish all legal aid government attorney offices in all states. We will always have lawyers on duty in these offices to help those who need help. We will work for people and

protect the good and the right. We will protect justice. We will regain the people's trust by enforcing the law fairly and justly.

As I said, justice delayed is justice denied. Unfortunately, this often happens to the poor and victims of crime. They may not have the necessary resources to hire a lawyer and fight for their rights. This is when I will establish new humanitarian law offices to gradually help turn their humanitarian work into a masterpiece to help the poor and the victims.

I will establish humanitarian law clinics as beacons of hope for the less fortunate, working selflessly to empower the poor and victims of crime. These offices provide legal services to people who cannot afford them. Their goal is to ensure that everyone has access to justice and fair treatment, regardless of their economic circumstances and social status.

I will make sure that government law offices work diligently and fairly to ensure that all citizens have equal and fair access to justice.

These humanitarian law offices will work on a contingency basis, meaning they will only be paid if the case is won. Attorney fees range from 10% to 20% of the total amount of the case.

This is fair compensation for their services, considering the amount of work and resources they expended to win the case. If the lawsuit is unsuccessful or damages cannot be recovered, these offices will waive attorney fees for clients as compensation to the victims.

The work of humanitarian law offices has turned a difficult job into a life's masterpiece. Their dedication to helping the oppressed and fighting for justice is noble.

They represent people in difficult circumstances and are also a good opportunity for them to express themselves, hone their skills to become good lawyers in the future, and give them a voice in social legal issues.

This shows the government's sincerity and willingness to help the poor and oppressed. It shows the level of respect for the law and raises the importance of maintaining it.

This shift towards fairness in the legal system is a testament to the government's commitment to humanity and justice. Recognizing the urgent need for support from humanitarian law clinics, especially for victims of crime, is the first step to strengthening the legal system and empowering those affected. Disadvantaged and persecuted. These noble efforts are inspiring and revitalizing to create a fair and equal society for everyone.

In short, I will be the person who directly operates and manages all these humanitarian law offices and provides full costs and funding for them so that they can work effectively and ethically to protect justice.

Humanitarian law offices play an important role in our society. They bring hope and a sense of security to vulnerable and oppressed people. Their work is an expression of true humanity, changing lives and making the world a better place. Our mission is to support such offices and help those in need of justice and assistance. Importantly, these humanitarian offices will still receive financial support from the government to continue operating and develop sustainably.

Furthermore, all court and lawsuit fees, as well as government agency paperwork costs, will be appraised at fair market value and in accordance with the circumstances. Each person who is sued by another person must pay the court a criminal fee. This is a way for the government to create cash for court staff while also preventing crime.

I also need to stop all crimes and criminals from misbehaving.

The government is to protect the people, not to rob or harm them. There are no government agencies that are responsible for all the bad things that have happened in our country. That is why criminals and corruption have colluded to harm people. From now on, I will be the president, and I will not let such unjust and unreasonable situations continue to happen in our country. I will establish new laws to protect fairness and integrity for the people. I will hold those who work in government accountable for all their failures and responsibilities in their jobs to ensure that all our people will be properly protected, fair, and just. We will defend good people and defend what is right; we will defend justice for all.

Starting today, anyone who discovers someone's wrongdoings, or anyone who lies to get your money, lies to sign a contract, takes your money and runs away, lies on the website or online, takes your money and doesn't do as they say, then all of you just need to call the police. Immediately, the police will come to the scene and make a report, then arrest all the criminals and put them in jail first, then send the report to the family members to invite them to court, or the lawyers will have to go to court and ask for their release. To resolve all disputes that have occurred immediately, we will resolve all disputes for the people, and we will stop all criminals and fraud businesses immediately. We will not let criminals and fraud businesses be free from doing wrong anymore.

Another issue to which we need to pay attention and fix it. That is how central banks and individual banks operate and manage money. We will have to manage and re-operate the entire banking system through this central and intermediate banking system software to ensure that all information related to the banking system is transmitted through a management system.

In general, it is the US central banking system. When we establish this central banking system, every transaction from one bank to another, from one country to another, will be censored and kept confidential by America. Only through this network of computer science can we detect and stop dishonest traders, fraudsters, criminals, money launderers, etc.?

In addition, we must immediately return all homeless people to their homes, place them in public housing, help them find jobs, and return to normal life.

We must also show genuine concern for people suffering from mental illnesses who are being treated in hospitals. Because they have been wrongfully oppressed by others who have mistreated them and caused them emotional and bodily harm.

We also need to pay attention to them and heal all the wounds in their hearts, so that they can return to a normal life and be helpful to our society.

Patients in mental hospitals and homeless people are victims of the evils of our society today; they are victims, and they really need our help. We need to deal with them conscientiously, not just lock them up in insane asylums like prisoners, which is too unethical and too immoral of the crazy government.

Through today's stories, I hope everyone will wake up and stand up to work with me, so that together we can heal the bleeding wounds of everyone in society.

Together, we will heal the world. Together, we will change the world to be a better place for all of humanity.

Again, I am a victim, and I am also a witness to all the sins and failures of this government's system. Today, I come here to present all the facts clearly and truly, so that we can all accept the truth, change and amend the constitution, and move towards a perfect system of government for everyone.

If you make the law, but you don't follow it according to the law, no one will listen and follow it. Once people no longer respect the law and no longer believe in it, they will stand up for themselves and act on their own instincts.

A real example today is that many Americans are very dissatisfied with the current law, precisely because they do not believe in it. They find the law unfair to them, not protecting them, with no freedom or equality. They are oppressed, exploited, assaulted, attacked, raped, despised, persecuted, abandoned, etc.

And when they brought the lawsuit to the court or government agency, they didn't get help or were rightfully treated, and they lost faith in the government. That's why they can only rely on themselves, that is, to commit suicide or shoot others, steal, kill, drink, gamble, commit crimes and sex assaults, etc.

The time has come for you to realize the errors of your laws and to amend them, to enact strict and just laws, to protect the good people, and to uphold justice, fairness, civility, and transparency in the law.

All bad people, villains, criminals, terrorists, and fraudsters who take property and cause harm to others must go to jail and have to work in prison to compensate for the damage and harm caused

to others. Only such a strict law can punish evil and sinners. It is time for us to appreciate kindness and treat good people well, and evil and sinners must be severely punished.

With regard to training the current generation of young people, in public schools, children from kindergarten to grade 12. All teachers must be retrained in how to raise children. It is to teach our children how to live independently and know how to choose the right and the good to develop according to each person's ability. One of the most important things is to teach them gratitude, first of all to be grateful to God for creating this universe for them to live in and to be grateful for their parents. Gratitude will give them good direction in the future. If a child does not know how to live independently and has no gratitude, that child will be very selfish and will not help society.

Teach the kids how to feed themselves, learn by themselves, cook by themselves, do everything by themselves, and invent airplanes and robots, etc. Teachers should model for them to do, then let them do it themselves; please do not do it for them. Because then they will depend on teachers or others to do it, and they will not be independent.

The most important thing is a child's gratitude, which must be received from the moment of birth. Teach your children to say thank you when they receive a favor and to say sorry when they do something wrong. Teach your children that they are the generation of the future. Parents and teachers have raised you and given you the best. When you grow up, please take care of your parents and repay those who helped you become successful.

Keep in mind that children always remember that the day they grow up and succeed, it is also the day that their parents are old and need their help. The heart of a child must be a heart that loves, shares profound gratitude, and is long-formed.

Again, the most important thing in schools is to teach children about gratitude and how to live independently, do everything on their own, and learn to love and respect others. They have to learn how to care for and share with others.

Don't indulge them, but don't abuse them either. Teach them gratitude and forgiveness.

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God gave you to be parents, so that you could understand the heart of God, so that you could understand the heart of a father and mother, how they had to worry and love their children?

Thank you for considering all the social issues above.

Merry Mercy, President.

GM-619

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Juliet Lighter-Kamm	Testifying for Women Speaking Out	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is my absolute pleasure and honor for me to recommend Kristin Davidson. As the Founder of Women Speaking Out a Hawaii based nonprofit organization that educates and empowers young women, I have witnessed the exceptional contributions that Kristin has made for Women Speaking Out and the community. I have worked closely with her for the last two years in several projects and creating public awareness initiatives for Teen Dating Violence. Kristin has consistently impressed our Board members, stakeholders, and volunteers with her professionalism, exceptional fundraising skills, and high-level performance on various educational projects. She has been an integral part in building our fund development and grant initiatives. Her attention to detail, innovative ideas, and problem solving abilities has played a critical role in building the organization’s fundraising initiatives.

Along with her unwavering commitment to uplifting women, Kristin is easily one of the most compassionate people I know, and epitomizes the values of our organization. She has devoted herself to bringing teen dating violence awareness to the community, providing educational resources for students, and enriching the lives of Hawaii’s youth. Without a doubt, I can think of no one more deserving than Kristin to hold the Interstate Compact for Juvenile Hawaii Administrator role.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Theresa M Schubert	Testifying for Women Speaking Out Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in support of GM619, candidate Kristin Davidson. I have known the candidate for two years, in the capacity of serving on the Women Speaking Out Hawai'i (WSO) nonprofit board together.

Kristin has been the Interstate Compact for Juvenile Hawai'i Administrator, serving for about four years. Overall, I do understand that she is responsible to ensure that Hawai'i is always in compliance and provides proper care and supervision of the juveniles who fall under the jurisdiction of the courts.

As the President of WSO, I have worked closely with Kristin. She continues to be an amazing asset to the nonprofit. Her work ethic is such that she takes initiative, follows through on tasks and does so with accuracy and efficiency. Kristin is deemed trustworthy and reliable--WSO is fortunate to have such an asset on the board.

I fully support the reconfirmation of Kristin Davidson as the Interstate Compact for Juvenile Hawai'i Administrator.

Mahalo for your consideration.

GM-619

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Franciflor Cuesta	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I firmly support the confirmation of Kristin Davidson as the Administrator of the State Council for the ICJ.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:17:18 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rachel Kaneshige	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Kristin Davidson as the Administrator of the State Council for the ICJ.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 8:18:40 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shirleen Cadiz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known and worked with Kristin since 2020. Kristin is a hard working, compassionate person who goes above and beyond to help others. Kristin is smart and has worked with juveniles for many years. She understands the workings of the juvenile system and does an excellent job providing much needed services and resources for the programs and juveniles she has worked with. She is an assest to any position and program she works for.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joel Tamayo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support the confirmation of Kristin Davidson as the Administrator of the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. She currently works as a Program Manager for the Juvenile Client Services Branch and is accountable to the different programs that falls under the branch. This includes Juvenile Intake and Probation, Juvenile Drug Court Program, Girls Court, Family Drug Court, Zero to Three, Detention Services Branch, Case Expeditor, and Specialized Services. Because of her past and current experiences working with juveniles and families, I feel she is more than capable in fulfilling this role.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via phone or email. Thank you.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Derek Sumida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Kristin Davidson as the Administrator of the State Council for the ICJ. Mahalo for your consideration!

GM-619

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Troy Baldauf	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Kristin Davidson for approximately 14 years. During this time, I have seen her dedication and hard work throughout various Juvenile Services positions. I support Kristin Davidson's nomination to the Administrator, State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. I have no doubt that her passion and experience will serve her well as she continues in this role.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amanda Bolgren	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Kristin Davidson for over a decade while here in Hawaii. I believe it is her character and commitment towards others that has kept our friendship going. She truly believes in making a difference and her passion shows through her generosity and work ethic. I support Kristin as the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

Thank you

Amanda

GM-619

Submitted on: 2/25/2024 7:00:56 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelly Kitashima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support KRISTIN DAVIDSON in her continued role as the Interstate Compact for Juvenile Hawaii Administrator.

I have worked closely along side of her on a loical non-profit executive board for a few years and she is very reliable, loyal and dedicated. Kristin's work ethic is truly inmeasureable when it comes to follow through and because of her efforts, we have succeeded in many different areas of the organization

Kristin has a heart of gold and her compassion shines through her leadership, calm demeanor and pride for our local community

Honored to call her a friend and inspiration!

GM-619

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacenta Bahri	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Kristin for 35 years and she is one of the hardest working people I know. Not only is she dedicated to her job, but she always goes above and beyond her required duties because she genuinely cares about the safety and well-being of young people. I fully support re-confirming Kristin as the Interstate Compact for Juveniles Administrator.

GM-619

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Sakaue	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

My name is Dr. Shannon Sakaue, I would like to submit my written testimony in support of GM619, for Gubernatorial Nominee, Kristin Davidson to be confirmed for the Administrator, State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

I serve as an executive officer on a non-profit, Women Speaking Out, and I have known Ms. Davidson through this network. The mission of our non-profit is to prevent dating violence and domestic violence within the communities throughout Hawaii. We have various events and activities, and Ms. Davidson is always an individual on our board that we can call upon for support and commitment to our efforts. She is a dedicated individual, and I have observed her to be a person who works hard with intentionality, diligence, and strong ethic.

In her primary function as administrator for the ICJ, she is committed to the work she does, and takes her duties seriously as she fosters great teamwork and commitment through example. Ms. Davidson is passionate, dedicated, and fair, all qualities that are essential for an administrator with such important duties. She cares about the juveniles that she serves, and is a strong asset in this role.

I urge you to support GM619, and confirm Ms. Davidson for a role she is so deeply committed to.

To the Hawaii State Legislature,

My name is Michelle B Lynn. I work as a registered nurse with the Department of Veteran Affairs. I am writing in support of the rededication of Kristin Davidson to her appointment as Administrator of the Hawaii Interstate Compact for Juveniles. I have known Kristin for 14 years and she is my beloved sister-in-law.

Kristin has a work ethic that is unmatched and nothing short of amazing. She strives to continually be an expert in her field, passionately supporting Hawaii's youth. Kristin is a strong communicator through writing, speaking and technology. She is decisive and a strong resource in her field. She exhibits excellent time management skills, balancing work and personal goals in body building and supporting her community.

Kristin has been a strong community volunteer, serving with a variety of organizations throughout her time as a military spouse. Her heart will always be drawn to protecting those most innocent, animals. She volunteers with K9 Kokua on Oahu, helping with fundraising, medical care of strays, foster and adoption fairs. She also volunteers with numerous other organizations that support, empower and maintain safety for women and children.

In closing, I support the decision to re-appoint Kristin Davidson as the Administrator of the Hawaii Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

Sincerely,

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Lovern	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Senate committee members of the Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

I am submitting this written testimony in support of GM619, with Ms. Kristin Davidson as the gubernatorial candidate to the Administrator, State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. I know Ms. Davidson to possess strong ethical character as well as a high level of integrity and compassion for the work she does. Not only does she serve her community in her professional life, she compassionately gives back on her free time with the volunteer work she is involved in. Ms. Davidson has proven to be a valuable leader in our community and one that is committed to her role within the justice system.

I urge you to vote in support of GM619.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Palafox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Kristin Davidson as the Administrator of the State Council for the ICJ.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie-Anne G. Lazo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Kristin Davidson as the Administrator of the State Council for the ICJ.

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Kristin Davidson as the Administrator of the State Council for ICJ. Ms. Davidson is a person of integrity and works very hard at everything she does. She has been a passionate advocate for youth and I believe she will continue to work tirelessly for the youth of Hawaii. Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

Susan Kim

GM-619

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Testimony for PSM on 2/28/2024 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adriane Nishimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Submitting testimony in support of Krisitn Davidson's nomination for Commissioner/Administrator of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles for the State of Hawaii. She has the experience and knowledge necessary to continue in this role. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.