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April 4, 2026

Dear Senator Fukunaga and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs:

Mahalo for the opportunity to address the Committee regarding my nomination to the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services. I am deeply honored to be considered and grateful for your commitment to ensuring that Hawai'i's veterans and their families receive the care, support, and dignity they have earned through service to our nation.

Below are my responses to the Committee's questions.

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services?

Service to veterans is deeply personal for me. I am the daughter of a retired active-duty soldier and the spouse of an Air Force veteran, and I have witnessed firsthand the sacrifices that military service demands—not only of those who serve, but of their families as well. For nearly 20 years, I have worked in the counseling profession with military members and veterans, gaining a clear understanding of the challenges they encounter, particularly during their transition from military to civilian life.

I am drawn to this role because I believe we have both a moral and civic responsibility to care for those who have defended our freedoms. Serving on the Advisory Board would allow me to contribute meaningfully to identifying service gaps, strengthening systems of care, and helping ensure that Hawai'i's veterans are supported throughout every stage of life.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services?

I view this role as a collaborative partnership—one that brings together diverse perspectives in service of a shared mission. As a Board member, I would work alongside fellow advisors, state leaders, and community partners to listen carefully to veterans, remain attentive to emerging needs, and provide thoughtful recommendations that inform sound policy and program decisions.



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My responsibility would be to help ensure that veterans' voices are present at the table, that data and lived experience are both respected, and that our collective efforts remain focused on practical, sustainable solutions that benefit veterans and their families statewide.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services, why do you believe you are qualified for this position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services.

My professional background includes leadership roles in nonprofit and community-based organizations, where I have developed strong skills in administration, coalition-building, and strategic planning. I have worked effectively across sectors, built trusted partnerships, and communicated complex issues to diverse stakeholders.

Most importantly, my clinical experience working directly with veterans grounds my decision-making in real-world insight. This combination of leadership experience, collaboration, and firsthand knowledge would allow me to contribute meaningfully to the Advisory Board's work.

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

In the near term, I hope to support initiatives that address the needs of Hawai'i's aging veteran population, including efforts that allow veterans to safely and respectfully age in place while complementing existing care facilities. I am also committed to expanding outreach so that eligible veterans are aware of—and enrolled in—the services available to them.

Over the longer term, I hope to contribute to forward-looking strategies that ensure the sustainability of veteran services as Hawai'i's veteran population changes over the coming decades. Thoughtful planning today will help preserve strong systems of care for generations to come.



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5. Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Advisory Board on Veteran’s Services?

- **Resilient:** Growing up in a military household and being married to a veteran taught me adaptability, perseverance, and calm leadership in complex situations.
- **Committed:** I have seen the enduring impact of military service on veterans and their loved ones, and I bring an unwavering commitment to advocating for their well-being.
- **Caring:** I lead with empathy and respect. I value collaboration, cultural humility, and clear communication, and I work well with individuals from diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

These qualities, along with my professional experience across multiple community-serving sectors, enable me to approach this work thoughtfully and with sincerity.

6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Advisory Board on Veteran’s Services?

My experience responding to the Maui wildfires reflects my ability to lead in moments of crisis. As the clinic director of a veterans counseling organization, I quickly mobilized resources and coordinated with the Hawai’i National Guard, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the American Red Cross to support veterans and community members affected by the disaster. Our team provided crisis intervention and practical support and was honored to be invited by Guard leadership to assist deployed service members.

This experience demonstrated the importance of coordination, compassion, and clear communication—qualities essential to effective public service.



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7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Advisory Board on Veteran’s Services? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest. Should one arise, I would act with transparency and prioritize my responsibilities to the Advisory Board on Veteran’s Services.

I am truly humbled by this nomination and would be honored to serve the people of Hawai’i in this capacity. Thank you for your leadership and thoughtful consideration. I respectfully ask for your support.

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 808-753-7201, jovington@cfs-hawaii.org, or janetlmft@outlook.com.

With sincere appreciation,

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Janet Covington
Clinic Supervisor



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TESTIMONY ON GM 730

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

JOHN P. ALAMODIN
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

April 6, 2026

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Lee, and members of the committee:

I am John P. Alamodin, Director, Office of Veterans Services, State of Hawaii, Department of Defense

The Office of Veterans Services (OVS) provides written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM730.

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, JANET COVINGTON, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.

As the Chief of Behavioral Health for the Hawaii Army National Guard, I have known Ms. Janet Covington since returning home in 2018. At the time, Ms. Covington served as the Psychological Health Coordinator for the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG), and she has been working with military service members, family members, and Veterans since 2005. As the Psychological Health Coordinator, Ms. Covington's dedication to Soldier behavioral health care through the HIARNG included providing direct care to service members and their families, networking with community organizations that provided resources and support to the military community, and providing subject matter expertise to other military treatment providers and

organizations. Ms. Covington continues to be in the forefront of behavioral health care for Veterans and their families as the Director of the Ohana Resiliency Center at Child and Family Services and through her private practice.

Ms. Covington is a very well-respected behavioral health provider in the military and Veteran community, as well as a tireless, staunch advocate of efforts to improve the mental health and wellbeing of currently serving members of the military and Veterans.

And somehow, Ms. Covington also finds the time to be an actively involved member of the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System Veterans Community Task Force and the Oahu Veterans Council.

Ms. Covington will be a tremendous addition and an integral contributing member on the Governor's State Advisory Board for Veterans Services.

On behalf of Hawaii Veterans and their families we serve, the Office of Veterans Services conveys its appreciation to the Committee for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 730.

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GM-730

Submitted on: 4/5/2026 7:40:28 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/6/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amanda Pump	Testifying for Child and Family Service	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs,

I am writing to offer my strong support for Janet Covington. Ms. Covington is an organized, detail-oriented, and highly reliable clinical and administrative leader whose work reflects exceptional analytical ability, professional acumen, and unwavering ethics and integrity.

With over 20 years of clinical experience, she has provided evidence-based treatment to individuals, couples, and families, demonstrating both compassion and effectiveness in addressing complex human needs. In addition, she brings more than 30 years of supervisory, administrative, and managerial expertise across both nonprofit and for-profit organizations. Her leadership reflects a thoughtful balance of strategic thinking, innovation, and accountability.

Ms. Covington is also deeply committed to equity and inclusion. She is adept at working with individuals from diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, gender, and socioeconomic backgrounds, consistently fostering environments that are respectful, collaborative, and results-driven. As an innovative team player and self-starter, she has a proven ability to strengthen programs, support teams, and deliver meaningful outcomes.

In addition, Ms. Covington brings a meaningful personal connection to military communities. She was born into a military family and is married to a veteran, giving her a deep understanding of the unique challenges and strengths of military service members and their families.

I am confident that Ms. Covington's extensive experience, integrity, and dedication to service make her an outstanding candidate. I respectfully urge you and the Committee to give her your full consideration and support.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Amanda Pump

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GM-730

Submitted on: 4/6/2026 12:43:25 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/6/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jack Covington	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'am in support of Janet H Covington's appointment to this board.