



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

G.M. NO. 750, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE COMMISSION TO PROMOTE UNIFORM LEGISLATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TRACI FUJITA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2030.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**DATE:** Friday, April 17, 2026

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

**TESTIFIER(S):** **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**

(For more information, contact Jill T. Nagamine,  
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Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Attorney General supports the appointment of Traci Fujita to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation (CPUL) of the Department of the Attorney General.

The CPUL is advisory to the Attorney General and to the Legislature on matters pertaining to uniform legislation. Members of this state commission are Hawaii's representatives to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, which is also referred to as the "Uniform Law Commission" (ULC). The Uniform Law Commission requires that each appointed commissioner be a lawyer licensed to practice law and that members from each state attend and participate in its annual meeting.

Traci Fujita is a lawyer licensed to practice law in Hawaii, having been admitted to the Hawaii Bar in 1996. She is the Chief Compliance Officer and General Counsel for Maui Behavioral Health Resources. She has worked for the County of Maui in various capacities, including as a Deputy Corporation Counsel, First Deputy Corporation Counsel, Deputy Director of the Department of Liquor Control, and Director of the Office of Council Services. While at the Maui Office of Council services, Traci worked as a Legislative Analyst and a Legislative Attorney.

Traci has also shown herself to be community-minded by serving in various capacities in community organizations, including as secretary of the Baldwin High School Foundation, board member of the Maui AIDS Foundation, member of the Maui Ryukyu Culture Group, and board member of the Rinzaï Zen Mission.

In view of Traci's background and experience, she will be beneficial to the State of Hawaii and the Uniform Law Commission. Consequently, the Attorney General respectfully requests that this Committee recommend the confirmation of the reappointment of Traci Fujita to the CPUL.



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The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and members of the Judiciary Committee

Re: GM 750

I urge the Judiciary Committee to confirm Gubernatorial Nominee, Traci Fujita, to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

She currently serves as our Chief Compliance Officer and General Counsel and I have personally observed her to tackle new subject matters without hesitation. Her strong work ethic allows her to quickly and efficiently meet deadlines.

Traci's extensive experience in researching and drafting legislation at the County of Maui will be of immense help to the Commission. She has the unique background of having worked in both the executive and legislative branches of government which gives her a broad perspective with legislation.

Finally, a neighbor island insight and perspective is currently missing on the Commission. Traci would be able to fill that void and provide a neighbor island voice on the Commission.

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April 16, 2026

TO: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Alice L. Lee   
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 17, 2026; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM750,  
NOMINATION OF TRACI FUJITA TO THE COMMISSION TO PROMOTE  
UNIFORM LEGISLATION**

I support Traci Fujita's nomination to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council. Consistent with the Maui County Code of Ethics, this testimony serves as a character reference for Ms. Fujita based on my official work with her in the County of Maui.

Ms. Fujita has served in various capacities with the County, including as First Deputy Corporation Counsel, during my tenure as a Councilmember. From 2020 to 2023, Ms. Fujita served as Director of Council Services and reported to me as Council Chair.

I support this nomination for the following reasons:

1. Ms. Fujita has impeccable personal and professional integrity.
2. Under Ms. Fujita's leadership, the Council staff engaged in an effort to promote consistency and precision in County ordinances. For instance, she issued the first official Drafting Guide for County of Maui Legislation in 2021. This experience should benefit the Commission.
3. Ms. Fujita has demonstrated a commitment to public service.

Thank you for your consideration.

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April 15, 2026

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary  
The Senate  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM No. 750 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, Gubernatorial Nominee, TRACI FUJITA, for a term to expire 06-30-2030

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in support of Governor's Message No. 750 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, Gubernatorial Nominee, TRACI FUJITA, for a term to expire 06-30-2030, which is to be heard by your Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 a.m., on April 17, 2026.

I have the privilege of currently serving on the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation ("Commission"). I believe that Ms. Fujita's many years of public service with the County of Maui and her current non-profit organization work will add to the diversity of experience among Commission members and make her a valuable addition to the Commission's work. For these reasons, I support Ms. Fujita's nomination to the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Peter J. Hamasaki

**TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIRMATION OF  
TRACI FUJITA TO THE COMMISSION TO PROMOTE UNIFORM LEGISLATION**

Friday, April 17, 2026

To: Chairman Karl Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I have been a member of the Uniform Law Commission since 1978 and currently serve as a Life Member on the Commission. I am testifying in support of the confirmation of Traci Fujita for a term to expire on June 30, 2030.

Ms. Fujita's prior work experience will serve her well as a Uniform Law Commissioner. Because she has experience with county government and was a Legislative Attorney with the Office of Council Services on Maui, she will be an asset to the Commission as one of a commissioner's role is to assist in passing uniform acts at the state legislature.

I recently spoke with Ms. Fujita and am confident that she will be an active participant with the Hawaii Delegation as well as with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

I respectfully recommend her confirmation by this committee and the full Senate.  
Thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony in support.

**GM-750**

Submitted on: 4/14/2026 4:15:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/17/2026 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brian Moto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

I support the nomination of Traci Fujita, Esq., to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation.

I have known, and worked with, Ms. Fujita since the 1990s, and she has always demonstrated a capacity for hard work, diiligence, and leadership. Her extensive background in the legislative and executive branches of local government, and in the private nonprofit human services sector, equips her with knowledge and experience in many diverse areas of public and private law. She has also been an active participant in community organizations and in the Hawaii and Maui County bar associations.

I am confident that Ms. Fujita will be a valuable and dedicated member of the Commisision to Promote Uniform Legislation. She will serve the people of Hawaii well, as she has in past.

Please vote to approve her nomination. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Moto