

plaintiff litigation. His practice of law also includes representing petitioners and respondents in civil temporary restraining orders and orders for protection in Family Court. His work in the public sector includes being previously elected to two consecutive terms as the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Kaua'i, where he helped the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney restore credibility in the eyes of community and reestablish a strong working relationship with the Kauai Police Department. Previous to his tenure as the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Kaua'i, he served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kaua'i, a Deputy Public Defender for the Office of the Public Defender, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel for the Office of the Corporation Counsel of the County of Hawai'i.

Mr. Soong is licensed to practice law in Hawaii and has extensive service in the legal and local community of Kauai. He currently serves as a Board Member for the Friends of the Kauai Drug Court and member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He also currently serves on the Royal Order of Kamehameha, Kaumuali'i Chapter; Hokule'a-Kauai Crew Member of the Polynesian Voyaging Society; and member of Nā Kālai Wa'a 'O Kaua'i.

Testimony in support of Mr. Soong's appointment indicate that his practice of law in the government and private sectors makes him a well-rounded practitioner with nearly thirty years of trial experience. His experience as a prosecutor and defense attorney have prepared him well to be a fair, compassionate, and effective jurist. He has the reputation for being a person of integrity who treats everyone equally and fairly, listens to and recognizes both sides of an issue, and relates to and is respectful toward everyone. These are attributes that are especially important at the District Court level, where the public is most likely to come into contact with the court system.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the appointee, has found the appointee to be qualified for the position to which appointed and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-ASARAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its decision

The Recommendation is:

Consent 2347 Not Consent 2349

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	6			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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