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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 32

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature First Special Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 32, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

LANGUAGE ACCESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

G.M. No. 32 CARI UESUGI, for a term to expire 06-30-2020,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Cari Uesugi to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Language Access Advisory Council.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Cari Uesugi from the Office of Language Access and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Uesugi's background, knowledge, and prior experience on the Language Access Advisory Council qualify her to be nominated for appointment to the council as the representative from the state government. Your Committee notes that Ms. Uesugi has more than thirty years of experience working as a social worker in diverse communities and as a patient advocate in the medical field and is currently the Program Specialist at the Hawaii State Judiciary's Intergovernmental and Community Relations Department in the Office on Equality and Access to the Courts. Ms. Uesugi previously worked as a Patient Relations Advocate for Maui Memorial Medical

Center, where she helped implement the Center's Title IV and Language Access Plan, and The Queen's Medical Center. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Uesugi served on the Language Access Advisory Council as a representative from the County of Maui from April 2016 until May 2017, until her relocation to Oahu, and is committed to advocating for Limited English Proficient individuals. Your Committee therefore recommends that Ms. Uesugi be appointed to the vacant state government seat for the Language Access Advisory Council because of her experience, background, and commitment to serving the community.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health 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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health CPH

Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:*	Committee I	Referral:	Date		
GM32	CPH			8-29-	2017
The Committee is reconsidering its decision					
The Recommendation is:					
Advise and Consent					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)		/			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)					
CHANG, Stanley		V			
ESPERO, Will					~
IHARA, Jr., Les					V
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.					
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		V			
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Rosslyn H Bab					
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