

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 9

Honolulu, Hawaii

AUG 31 2017

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 33

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 33, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

G.M. No. 33 JOAKIM PETER,
for a term to expire 06-30-2019,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Joakim Peter to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Civil Rights Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Mr. Joakim Peter from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, Japanese American Citizens League, HealthyPacific.Com, and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Peter's experience and background in community advocacy qualify him to be nominated for appointment to the Civil Rights Commission. Mr. Peter is a Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center Outreach Specialist and Healthcare Advocate at the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. He is the Co-Founder, Board Member, and Community Advocacy Manager for We Are Oceania, Chairman and Community Organizer for the Compact of Free Association Community Advocacy Network, and the Host of *Micronesia Connection* on 'Ōlelo Television Network. Mr. Peter is a long-time resident of Hawaii

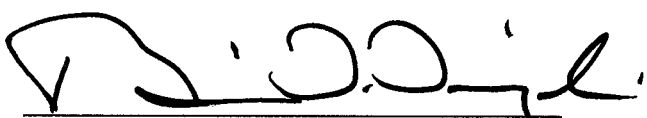
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and a citizen of Micronesia and Compact of Free Association (COFA) nations, which allows him to share a unique perspective as a member of the Civil Rights Commission. Your Committee notes that Act 36, Regular Session of 2017, modified the qualifications for appointments to allow residents, and those eligible under federal law for unrestricted employment in the United States, rather than only citizens, to serve as an appointive officer; thus, Mr. Peter is eligible to serve as a COFA nation citizen. Based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service, your Committee finds that Mr. Peter will be an asset to the Civil Rights Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary 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 Judiciary,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

