

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 4

Honolulu, Hawaii

OCT 05 2020

RE: JUD. COM. NO. 3

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
First Special Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Judiciary Communication No. 3, submitting for study and consideration the appointment of:

DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

J.C. No. 3 BRYANT G.F.Y. ZANE,
 for a term to expire in 6 years,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Bryant G.F.Y. Zane for appointment to the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the appointment of Bryant G.F.Y. Zane from forty-seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on the appointment of Bryant G.F.Y. Zane from the Board of Directors of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

The Hawaii State Bar Association Board of Directors found the appointee to be qualified for the position of District Court Judge of the First Circuit based on established criteria for determining the qualifications of judicial appointments generally using the American Bar Association Guidelines for Reviewing Qualifications of Candidates for State Judicial Office. Specifically, the Board uses the following criteria in its deliberations: integrity and diligence, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, financial responsibility, public service, health, and ability to perform the responsibilities and duties

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required of the position for which the applicant has been appointed. The Board's rating system includes the categories of "qualified" and "not qualified".

Mr. Zane received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He subsequently received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Howard University School of Law, where he was the President of the Howard Public Interest Law Society.

Mr. Zane served as a Deputy Public Defender in the Hawaii State Office of the Public Defender for the majority of his career, from 2002 to 2007 and again from 2008 to present. Previous to his time in the Public Defender's office, he was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in Līhu'e, Hawaii. During his time at those offices, he handled numerous cases involving complex legal and procedural issues and has been recognized by his coworkers for his outstanding professional demeanor.

Mr. Zane has been actively involved in the community throughout his career. He served as the Director of the Kaua'i Young Lawyer's Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association and as a Mock Trial Judge for the William S. Richardson School of Law Prosecution and Defense Clinics. In addition, he has volunteered on numerous occasions for the Legal Access Point Clinic, Access to Justice Room, and Courts in the Community Program.

Testimony submitted in support of Mr. Zane's appointment commends his exemplary integrity and character, as well as his compassion and commitment to fairness. His extensive legal knowledge, diligence, and respectful and professional demeanor are consistently noted by attorneys who have worked alongside him, as well as those who have interacted with him as opposing counsel. Numerous testifiers also praised his deep commitment to his clients and to the public.

Your Committee finds that, based on the testimony submitted on his behalf, responses to questions asked by the members of your Committee, and your Committee's review of information about him and his qualifications, Bryant G.F.Y. Zane has the experience, temperament, and other competencies to be a District Court Judge of the First Circuit, and he has the legal expertise, integrity, and demeanor to fully and faithfully discharge the duties associated with that judicial office.



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 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,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Gov. Msg./Jud. Com. No.:* JC 3	Committee Referral: JDC	Date: 10/5/20		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent 2347 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Consent 2349				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Karl Rhoads				
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