

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 823, 824, 846, 847, 848

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 823, 824, 846, 847, and 848, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD

G.M. No. 823	CHAD HASEGAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2021;
G.M. No. 824	ALLEN CARDINES, JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2021;
G.M. No. 846	ANTHONY MENDEZ, for a term to expire 06-30-2023;
G.M. No. 847	RICKY KANG, for a term to expire 06-30-2023; and
G.M. No. 848	DAVID LUNCEFORD, for a term to expire 06-30-2024,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories and resumes submitted by Chad Hasegawa; Allen Cardines, Jr.; Anthony Mendez; Ricky Kang; and David Lunceford for service on the Commission on Fatherhood.

CHAD HASEGAWA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Chad Hasegawa from one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Hasegawa's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him for appointment to the Commission on Fatherhood. Your Committee notes that Chad Hasegawa was the former Director of Operations and Athletic Director/Facilities Manager of the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island. Mr. Hasegawa is currently the owner of C. Hasegawa Land Management, LLC. He also serves on the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council as the Interim Executive Director. Your Committee finds that in this role, he has demonstrated a keen understanding of the needs of his community through his design and execution of programs that serve the organization's mission and the low to moderate income community. During the course of Mr. Hasegawa's career, he has gained a broad range of experience, knowledge, and education. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Hasegawa has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities as a member of the Commission on Fatherhood. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Hasegawa be appointed to the Commission on Fatherhood based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

ALLEN CARDINES, JR.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Allen Cardines, Jr. from the Department of Education-Leeward District and six individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Cardines' experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him for appointment to the Commission on Fatherhood. Your Committee finds that Mr. Cardines has been pastor at Hope Chapel Nānākuli since 2002, working to create a safe community of healthy relationships within families. Mr. Cardines is the current Director of Community Relations for Hawaii Family Forum, an organization that provides resources to equip citizens with information on social policy matters relative to the well-being of the family as a building block of society through legislative advocacy. Additionally, he works with Transform Our World Hawai'i, a network of pastors, business leaders, ministry leaders, church members, and community leaders committed to bolstering the welfare of the people of Hawai'i. Your Committee also finds that Mr. Cardines serves several community groups to help foster, empower, and transform a more cohesive family unit in the community, including the Honolulu Community Action Program; Hui Ho'ā'omalu of Partners in Development; Honolulu Police Department, Community Policing Team - District Eight; Nā Leo Kāne Advisory Team; and administrative leaders of Nanakuli-Waianae Complex and Kamehameha Schools Waianae Coast Region. Your Committee further finds that Mr. Cardines has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members and his extensive experience will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Commission on Fatherhood. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Cardines be appointed to the Commission on Fatherhood based on his knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

ANTHONY MENDEZ

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Anthony Mendez from four individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Mendez's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him for appointment to the Commission on Fatherhood. Your Committee finds that Mr. Mendez has counseled adolescents with substance abuse for over thirteen years with the Institute for Family Enrichment. For the Oahu Community Correction Center, Mr. Mendez taught family and life skills through the Nurturing Fathers program. Currently, as a substance abuse counselor, Mr. Mendez is specialized in group, individual, and co-counseling. During the course of his career, Mr. Mendez has gained broad experience and knowledge in leadership and organization. Your Committee also finds that Mr. Mendez has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of a board member and will enhance the effectiveness of the Commission on Fatherhood. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Mendez be appointed to the Commission on Fatherhood based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

RICKY KANG

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Ricky Kang from the Department of Human Services, Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club, and five individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Kang's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him for appointment to the Commission on Fatherhood. Your Committee finds that Mr. Kang has been an instructor since 2013 with Leeward Community College. As Coordinator he facilitates culturally-based support groups and effectively implements programs that have direct impact on student success, namely Access to Education and Going to Finish Overtime. Mr. Kang created the Access to Education program as a high touch and engagement program that provides additional personal and academic support to students with challenging obstacles to overcome in their educational journey. Your Committee also finds that Mr. Kang is currently the Hoʻā`omakua Program Manager helping to promote Keiki O Ka Aina grant initiatives in the community, as well as facilitate fathering and life skills transitions for incarcerated fathers in state prisons and correctional facilities on Oahu and Hawai'i. During the course of his career, Mr. Kang has gained broad experience and knowledge in organizational leadership. Your Committee further finds that Mr. Kang has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of a board member and will enhance the effectiveness of the Commission on Fatherhood. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Kang be appointed to the Commission on Fatherhood based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

DAVID LUNCEFORD

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of David Lunceford from two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Lunceford's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him for appointment to the Commission on Fatherhood. Your Committee notes that Mr. David Lunceford has demonstrated a proven commitment to the community as a dedicated social worker since 2007. He currently serves as Program Director for PARENTS Inc. where he conducts quality assurance for programs including Common Core state standards, intensive home-based services, voluntary case management, and providing safe and stable families. Your Committee also finds that Mr. Lunceford has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of a board member and will enhance the effectiveness of the Commission on Fatherhood. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Lunceford be appointed to the Commission on Fatherhood based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on
Human Services,

RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair