

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 664, 665

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 664 and 665, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD

G.M. No. 664	SAMUEL JELSMA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024; and
G.M. No. 665	HARRY KUBOJIRI, for a term to expire 06-30-2024,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Samuel Jelsma and Harry Kubojiri for service on the Law Enforcement Standards Board.

SAMUEL JELSMA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Samuel Jelsma from the County of Hawai'i Police Department and County of Maui Police Department.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Jelsma's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him to be nominated for appointment to the Law Enforcement Standards Board. Your Committee notes that Mr. Jelsma has accumulated over twenty-nine years of experience in law enforcement services with the Hawaii County Police Department. Mr. Jelsma has held various ranks in the Hawaii County Police Department, including Major, Captain, and Lieutenant. Mr. Jelsma is currently serving as the Assistant Police Chief of the Hawaii County Police Department's Administrative Bureau. According to testimony, Mr. Jelsma is said to have the highest moral character. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Jelsma is currently retired from the Hawaii Army National Guard with the rank of First Sergeant and has over twenty-one years of credited military service. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Jelsma be appointed to the Law Enforcement Standards Board based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

HARRY KUBOJIRI

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Harry Kubojiri from the County of Hawai'i Police Department and County of Maui Police Department.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Kubojiri's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify him to be nominated for appointment to the Law Enforcement Standards Board. Your Committee notes that Mr. Kubojiri has over thirty-seven years of professional law enforcement experience. His most recent position was at the Hawaii County Police Department where he served as the Police Chief for eight years. During the course of Mr. Kubojiri's career, he has gained broad experiences and extensive knowledge about the administrative procedures of law enforcement in the State. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Kubojiri is an active member in professional and community organizations having served on the Joint Terrorism Task Force, International Association Chiefs of Police, and Governor's Committee on Crime. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Kubojiri be appointed to the Law Enforcement Standards Board based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs 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 Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs,

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair